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Asa Brown and Hannah Comly-Brown

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## Introduction

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For many years it has been my desire to preserve the genealogy of my father's and mother's families. I am now in my 79th year and feel that I must do it very soon, if it is ever done. We have collected all the material we can find. Some writings of a historical nature, some records of family genealogy and some public records have helped us; also family records running back to about 1634 and down to 1912, whereby we have prepared this genealogy of the Brown and Comly families and their numerous branches of direct descendants.

It would be impossible to follow all the diverging families. We have tried to carefully keep the line of descent clearly in view. In this work we solicited the help of many of our relatives herein mentioned; and my brother, N. C. Brown, Sr., at my request, has taken charge of the work to see that it is finished. He has done the work for me. Others who have helped are: Ethelbert Callahan, Robinson, Ill.; Col. Henry Glaze, San Francisco, Cal.; Capt. Nicholas Glaze, Los Angeles, Cal.; Beza-leel Holmes, Terre Haute, Ind.; David S. Green, Denver, Colorado; Rev. L. W. Wilkin, Noble, Illinois; Mrs. Sarah J. Coleman, Columbus, Ohio; Miss Sadie L. West, Columbus, Ohio; Mr. Fred Green, Dayton, Ill.; Smith M. Comly, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. George N. Brown, M. D., Hebron, Ohio; Mrs. Elizabeth Callahan, Heart Neoga, Ill; Hon. O. L. Brown, Terre Haute, Ind.; Mrs. D. P. Clark, Allerton, Ill.; Miss Eva B. Snyder, Robinson, Ill.; Eli B. Comly, Logan, Ohio; Miss Lola Myers, McLouth, Kan.; Hon. Robert S. Comly, Oblong, Ill.; Capt. James F. Comly, New Lexington, Ohio; Clara Holmes Green, Vicksburg, Miss.; Mrs. Caroline, G. McConnell, Columbus, Ohio; Miss Elizabeth H. Richards, New Lexington, Ohio; Mrs. Lucy A. Hale, Granite City, Ill.; Mrs. Kate C. Oaks, Decatur, Ill.; W.

H. Muzzy, Decatur, Ill.; Mrs. Margaret C. Cochran, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Callie Wilkin Jones, Granville, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah C. Wood, Johnstown, Ohio; Capt. Jas. M. Holmes, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Jas. A. Huston, Sewickley, Penn.; Mrs. Talma Comly Wilson, Somerset, Ohio; Mrs. Sophronia Carter Brooks, Alexandria, Ohio.

To these relatives we owe much in this work and would have failed without their aid. They are entitled to unlimited praise for the prompt and enthusiastic manner in which they have responded to our call for help. We know that they will have a better knowledge as to who their ancestors were, what manner of men and women lived before them and to whom they can refer with pride. Many of them have served their day and generation at the front in everything intellectual and patriotic.

Thanking you all again for your help, I am very sincerely yours for the benefit of our posterity and the pleasure of living.

THE AUTHOR.

## The Brown Family

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Our grandfather, Nicholas Brown, born Oct. 17th, 1765, stated to us that the first of his ancestors came to America with the Lord Baltimore colony about 1634, or soon thereafter. He stated that two brothers, William and Edward, were the first of the Browns, but we have no record of the names of their children or whom they married; but know that they were prolific and did their share in the increase of the population, and we know that many families were added to their posterity, who settled in various parts of the then new world. New England States furnished the family names. The same were found all along the Atlantic coast and at the present time they are found in any state of our great country. Some are known to be in Canada and in Mexico. The first one of the Browns that we have definite records for was one George Brown and his brother Edward Brown, who were located near Baltimore, Maryland. George was our ancestor; as to when he was born we have no record, but it was about the year 1730. He married a Miss Nancy Stevenson, resident of Baltimore, Maryland. Said Nancy Stevenson was a sister of one Colonel Stevenson of that city. To this union were given sixteen children as follows: Edward, born March 16th, 1734; Richard, born ———, 1740. Others of the family were: William, Henry, Hugh, George, Joshua, James, Nancy, Rainor, Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth and Caleb. There were two others whose names are not known. We have a definite account of but three of this family.

Of Edward, Col. Richard and Nancy of the other children we have nothing definite.

Edward Brown, son of George and Nancy Stevenson Brown, married Margaret Durbin and lived in Frederick County, Maryland. She was a relative of one of the family of

Durbins, who resided in Baltimore, Md. Rev. John P. Durbin was of this family. To this union were given the following children: Joshua, Caleb, Nicholas, John, Hugh, Ruth, Ann, Jane, Sarah, Margaret and Mary.

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Edward Brown, son of George Brown, was named in honor of his uncle, Edward, about whom we have no definite information. He was captam and owner of a ship plying his vocation wherever business called; it is claimed by Miss M. J. Roe's history of Wells, Holmes and Brown families that he is thought or believed to have abandoned seafaring life and to have settled farther South on the Atlantic coast. Nicholas Brown, who endowed Brown University, of Providence, Rhode Island, was said to be his grandson. The Brown family of the State of Georgia are believed to be of his family, as the family names of men and women are the same as of the George Brown families and a striking resemblance as of brothers often appears.

It matters not about these relations, we only call attention to those facts which lead us to believe them of the same old English origin. They were all High Church Episcopalians in religion, and many of them still cleave to the Episcopal church.

Edward Brown lived in Frederick County, Md., many years, until after the beginning of the war of Revolution. We know that his sons, Joshua and Nicholas, served as captain and lieutenant in the Pennsylvania line. As to Caleb we have no record proof of his service, he is reported to have served in the Maryland troops as a captain of mounted rifles; he was known to be fearless and looking for trouble during said war of the Revolution. Circumstances prove Edward Brown to have been a farmer and owner of grist mill and distillery. He was an earnest Episcopalian and a patriot. It is evident that he moved to Berks County, Penn., then to Cumberland County, and after close of war to Burgetstown in Washington County, Penn., in 1785; from there to Holliday's Cove in Brook-County, West Va. Then about the year 1795 he moved to Madison County, Ky., where he remained till his death, Aug. 14, 1823. His first wife died at Holliday's Cove, W. Va., March 20th, 1795. He married for his second wife the widow of Major Haughey. There were

no children by this marriage; he was 89 years old at the time of his death.

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Joshua Brown, son of Edward and Margaret Durbin Brown, was born about the year 1757. He spent his childhood in Frederick County, Md. We find that in the years 1780-2 he was captain of a company in the 8th battalion of Cumberland County, militia, of which Alexander Brown was the colonel. (See page 562, volume six, Penn. Archives, 5th series.) He married a Miss Durbin and migrated to Madison County, Ky., and died there. Descendants of his family are living at Gonzales, Texas.

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Caleb Brown, son of Edward and Margaret Durbin Brown, was born in Frederick County, Md., March 23, 1759. He married Jemima Stevenson, a daughter of Col. Henry Stevenson, Aug. 24, 1786. Jemima was born in Maryland, Jan. 17, 1761, and died in Kentucky, Aug. 14th, 1807. Caleb married Elizabeth Hardister, his second wife, Nov. 15th, 1809, and died in Kentucky, July 30, 1837, aged 78 years. He had ten children by his first wife and three by his last wife. His son, Nicholas, was killed in the battle of Fort Meigs in Dudley's defeat, May 5th, 1813. Other members of this family settled in many different places in the South, and were named Henry, Edward, Stevenson, John, Joshua, Francis, Hugh, Caleb, Jr., Jemima, Malvina and Nicholas the second, who lives near Stockton, Cal. We know nothing definite of their locations.

Hugh Brown, son of Edward and Margaret Durbin Brown, married a Miss Hay for his first wife, his second wife was a Miss Sapington. He came from Kentucky to Ohio about 1820, and lived near Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio, until the year 1838. He then moved to Iowa, and died in 1843. He had a large family, among which was one that stuttered so awfully that it was said it would cure dyspepsia or rheumatism to see and hear him talk. We have no knowledge of the family at this time.

Ruth Brown, daughter of Edward and Margaret Durbin

Brown, married James Maguire, and their descendants are located in West Virginia.

Ann Brown, daughter of Edward and Margaret Durbin Brown, married William Jessup. She lived in Baltimore, Md., and died Sept. 9, 1802. She left six children, William, Dominic, Joshua, Charles, Arietta and Ann, whose descendants are numerous. William died in the year 1850. Dominic lived near Reisterstown, Md. Arietta married George Ward. Their children are eminent in business and professions in old Baltimore, Md. Ann married Capt. Nathaniel Childs in 1803, and in 1810 they moved to St. Louis, Mo., where he died. They have eight living children at the last report: Rev. Nathaniel, Jr., Dominic, Rebecca, Sewel, Joshua, (a merchant); William, Catherine, who married a Mr. Reeves of Cincinnati, Ohio, Caleb B., and Charles J. Childs, M. D., of St. Louis, Mo.

John Brown, son of Edward and Margaret Durbin Brown, married and raised a family of six children, one of whom was named Joseph. They moved to Texas, where he died about 1800.

Jane Brown, daughter of Edward and Margaret Durbin Brown, married Richard Wells, and died in 1832. They have many descendants in Illinois and Missouri; nothing further is known.

Sarah Brown, daughter of Edward and Margaret Durbin Brown, married Solomon Porter, and raised a family. Nothing further known.

Margaret Brown, daughter of Edward and Margaret Durbin Brown, married James Sapington of Kentucky. She moved to Missouri and died without children in 1849.

Mary Brown, daughter of Edward and Margaret Durbin Brown, married John Harryman in Kentucky. She moved to Missouri and died in 1849. No further facts known to us.

Nicholas Brown, son of Edward and Margaret Durbin Brown, came into this world on the 17th day of October 1765, in Frederick County, Maryland. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm and in the grist mill and still house. It appears that everybody in those early days believed in spirits of various kinds. He was educated in the select schools of that day, was bright and active both in mind and body, and was

considered a good scholar for that day and generation. In his early boyhood he was selected as clerk of the Episcopal church and performed said duties in a very satisfactory manner. He soon learned much of the liturgy by heart and in his old age would repeat it to his friends and grandchildren, and would repeat the prayers eloquently; was a fine vocalist and often led in church music. The silver sleeve buttons he used in his surplice are now owned and highly valued by his great-grandson, Nicholas C. Brown, of Union Station, Licking County Ohio. He was blind from cataract of eyes for several years prior to his death.

Some time soon after he was out of school, and when a mere lad, he enlisted in the army; was ensign of Capt. Heister's Company of a Berks County, Penn. batallion. See Page 295, Vol. 5, of the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th series. I was his companion or body servant for several years just prior to his death, walked with him often to visit a neighbor or to drive the buggy for him to more remote places. To enliven and pass away the hours of blindness, his mind would revert to the times of his young manhood. He would sing the rude war songs of the revolution, tell of marches and hardships endured, of the sacrifices of the patriots for liberty, etc. He told of the French and German soldiers and of Washington's fame with his soldiers; also about the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. When narrating that event he would often say, "It was a proud day for our George." Some time after the close of the war he was with his father's family at Burgetstown, Penn., where he married a wife.

Nicholas Brown and Sarah Whitaker were married at Burgetstown, Washington County, Penn., in 1792. Sarah Whitaker was born April 12, 1769, near Hagerstown, Md., but spent her young lady days at Burgetstown, Penn. She lived to be old, dying January 4, 1859, at her daughter's home near Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio. She was buried by the side of her husband who preceeded her to the heavenly home on June 29th, 1858, departing this life at his son, Asa Brown's home, near Kirkersville, Ohio. Their mortal remains lie in Fletcher Chapel yard south of Kirkersville about three miles.

Soon after their marriage they moved with his father's

family to Holiday Cove, Brook County, West Va., remained there about two years, then moved to Madison County, Ky., about midway between Richmond and Lexington, where they owned a farm, grist mill, saw mill and distillery. They were prosperous and remained there until 1813, when he moved to Fairfield County, Ohio, Walnut township on the south bank of Buckeye Lake. In 1814 they moved to Harrison township, Licking County, on a farm two miles south of Kirkersville, where he cleared a farm from a dense forest.

The unrest of the pioneer was ever present with him. He sold this farm and for a short time owned one near Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. A little later on he sold and bought one north of Lancaster, Fairfield County Ohio. He was then an old man and lived with his son, Edward, but was full of the spirit of adventure and had traveled over the western part of Ohio and Southern Indiana. He had crossed Illinois, and roamed over a good part of Missouri, returned to his home saying, Ohio was good enough for him. At a corn husking on his farm near Baltimore, when the corn was done and supper had been served and the boys and girls were having a lively time playing games and doing various stunts, he was called on, old as he was, for a stunt. He stepped forward, hopped up and cracked his heels together three times before hitting the floor and invited anyone who wished, to do as well. No one did that stunt but Uncle Nick, as he was called by his friends. He could stand by the side of any ordinary horse and leap astride him as easily as a young man at 21, when he was near ninety years young.

His children had long since married and had families of their own with grown up children. All of them had moved on west to Crawford and Cumberland Counties, Ill., some to Iowa, except two, Asa Brown and Eli Holmes, who remained near Kirkersville, Ohio. He went west to live with those in Illinois, but after a few years tired of the west. His eye-sight was failing and they returned to the association of their old neighbors about Kirkersville. They visited a few weeks at a time with Asa and Eli until life was done. To this union were given the following children: Basil, April 28th, 1793; Thomas, May 21st, 1795; Nancy, July 16th, 1797; Catherine, Jan. 3rd, 1799;



Asa, June 4th, 1801; Betsy, July 20th, 1803; Rezin, June 16th, 1805; Peggy, August 30th, 1808; Edward, Sept. 29th, 1811 and Sally, April 11th, 1814.

All of these children but three lived to raise large families which are now scattered from the Panama Canal to the Arctic Circle, and from ocean to ocean. Most of them are members of the M. E. church and Republican in politics.



BAZZEL BROWN

# Family History of Bazzel Brown (1792-1854), Son of Nicholas and Sarah Brown.

(By O. L. Brown.)

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Like the unfolding of the doors of the vast corridor of time, the opening of the portals of the eternal past, the reading of the acts and deeds of our fore-fathers with the remote dates of their births, marriages, achievements and deaths take us back to that dim past and bring us face to face with those to whom we owe our existence, but of whom we know so little and have long since lost awhile. And when we think how near and dear they were to those we love, and that we, though generations removed, are but links in the continuous chain, a veritable part of them, we then realize they are all near and dear to us. We also realize that we, too, will soon be linked with that dim and hazy past and be only a memory, with dates of birth, marriage and death and whatever achievement we have been fortunate enough to have attained, and that our future generations will then look back upon us as we on ours, with either gratitude or indifference according as our lives shall merit.

But what, after all, constitutes achievement such as will affect posterity? It is not professional nor financial success alone; for the former dies with us and the latter is unstable and uncertain of duration. It is not political preferment nor local fame, for that cannot be transmitted to posterity. It is only that inborn character of true manhood and womanhood, the love of truth and right, the priceless boon of love that makes our lives worth the living and makes the world better

because we have lived. Better to be mourned as good, faithful and honest, a sympathizer with the distressed, an aid to the afflicted, a champion to the down-trodden than as the rich, powerful profligate, who was indifferent to mankind.

Bazzel Brown, the subject of this sketch, the oldest son of Nicholas Brown, (1765-1858), and Sarah Brown, (1772-1859), was born April 28, 1793, in Burgetstown, Pennsylvania, and died May 20, 1854. He was of medium build, but strong. He was a farmer and lumberman, Baptist preacher and school teacher. On January 9, 1817, he married Abigail Turner, who was born March 23, 1800, and died March 9, 1878, and they migrated to Boone County, Missouri, where five of their children were born. They then moved to Licking County, Ohio, and afterward to Cumberland County, Illinois, where, in the little Salem cemetery, (near Jewett, Ill.) they both lie buried.

To this union were born the following children: Nicholas T., James Sutton, Sidna, Asa W., Edward, Sally, Jesse, Bazil, Joseph, Rezin, Thomas, Jamima A., and Elizabeth.

Nicholas T. Brown, the oldest child was born in Missouri, (Boone Co.) January 6, 1820, and moved with his father and mother to Ohio, afterward going to Illinois, March 25, 1841. He married Elizabeth Gibboney, and to them were born the following children, viz: Bazil, Margaret, John, George, William, Asa, Oscar and Joseph. All are living in Iowa and California, except Asa, who died in Indiana, (Vigo County), leaving a large family. Nicholas T. Brown died at the early age of forty-six years, (April 1, 1866), in the Senate Chamber of Iowa, while serving his district as Senator, and is buried at Des Moines, Iowa.

James Sutton Brown, second child of Bazzel and Abigail Brown, was born April 6, 1822, in Boone Co., Missouri, and moved with his parents to Licking County, Ohio, thence to Illinois, and in March 1856, to Vigo County, Indiana. He was married January 6, 1848, to Almira Grover, and to them were born the following children: Bazil L. Brown, farmer, April 20, 1849; John W. Brown, merchant, Oct. 17, 1851; Edward A. Brown, farmer, April 20, 1854; James H. Brown, teacher, Nov. 10, 1856; Keziah J. Brown, wife of Newton McKay, Dec. 29, 1858; Oliver P. Brown, teacher and farmer, June 23, 1862. Al-

mira (Grover) Brown died May 7, 1864 and James H. Brown married, (Dec. 27, 1864), Rebecca Forbes, and to this union were born William T. Brown, Dec. 20, 1865; Hannah Abigail Brown, May 25, 1867; Sarah E. Brown, April 30, 1869; Nicholas T. Brown, March 8, 1871, (died in infancy), and Tighlman G. Brown, Dec. 18, 1872.

William T. Brown is married and lives in Terre Haute, Ind.

Hannah Abigail Brown married a Mr. Murphy, and was the mother of two children. She was burned to death in a gas explosion in Indianapolis, Ind.

Sarah E. Brown married Chauncey Bailey and lives near Pimento, Ind.

Tighlman G. Brown is married, a farmer, and lives near Lewis, Ind.

Of the first family of children, Basil L. married Amelia Beecher, and to them were born, Ernest, Carl and Victor. All are married and living on farms in Vigo County, Ind. John W. married Emma Murphy, and to them were born James, (associated with his father in business), Fay, who married a young attorney, C. Y. Kelley, and lives in Terre Haute, Indiana. Jessie married and lives in Wyoming, and Paul lives at home with his parents.

Edward A. Brown married Annie Barcus, and to them were born Minnie, (who married Mr. Lambeth, a teacher, and lives in Terre Haute, Ind.,) and Clarence, a farmer, living in Utah.

James H. Brown married Florence Harris, and has one son, Estin, farmer of Vigo County, Ind.

Keziah J. Brown married Newton McKay, a farmer of Vigo County, Indiana, and has two sons, Charles and Herbert.

Oliver P. Brown married Lida Moore, and has one daughter Vera, and lives on a farm in Vigo County, Indiana.

James Sutton Brown died February 2, 1902, and is buried in Fletcher Chapel cemetery, Vigo County, Ind.

Sidnah Brown, third child, was born Feb. 12, 1823, in Boone County, Missouri. He died Sept. 24, 1824 and is buried at place of his birth.

Asa W. Brown, fourth child, was born July 29, 1825. He died June 19, 1852, near Fort Larimie, Wyoming, where he is

buried. He was one of the pioneers crossing the plains to the unexplored West at time of his death.

Edward Brown, fifth child, was born March 3, 1828. Like his father he was a farmer and lumberman. He married Louisa Davis, and to them were born Carrie, (who married a Mr. Lynch and lives at St. Louis, Mo.) Cora, (who married a Mr. Bugh and lives at Wichita, Kan.) Edward, who is a railroad man, married and living in Denver, Colo., and Nannie, unmarried, living in St. Louis.

Edward Brown, the father, died March 22, 1884, and is buried at Troy, Illinois.

Sally Brown, sixth child, was born May 18, 1832. She married James M. Ferguson, March 14, 1852, and to them were born four children: Benjamin, farmer, living at Neoga, Ill.; Sherman, a prominent minister of the United Brethren church; Lucy, who married a Mr. Roberts, and lives at Neoga, Ill., and Abigail Edna, who married James Butler and lives at Toledo, Illinois.

Sally (Brown) Ferguson died May 30, 1878, and is buried beside her father and mother in the little Salem cemetery near Jewett, Ill.

Jesse Brown, seventh child, was born February 15, 1834, and died July 15, 1838, and lies buried at his birthplace in Licking County, Ohio.

Bazil Brown, the eighth child, was born Nov. 26, 1835, in Licking County, Ohio. During his early life he taught school and farmed, and later engaged in the lumber and timber business on a large scale. He furnished a large percent of the necessary ties and piling for the construction of the Vandalia Railroad west of Terre Haute, Ind., living at that time and for a long time prior thereto at Jewett, Ill., coming there from his Ohio home at an early age. He was elected and served a number of years as a Justice of the Peace in Illinois, during the construction of the railroad through that section and had a varied experience during that unsettled period. In 1891 he moved with his family to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he was again elected Justice, serving in that capacity for a period of sixteen years. He was later admitted to the bar, and is now engaged in the practice of the law in partnership with his son.

Orin L. Brown, under the firm name of Brown and Brown at Terre Haute.

On October 6, 1859, he was married to Laura A. Farmer, (born Feb. 22, 1840,) and although they are both past three score and ten, and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary more than two years ago, they are lovers still.

To them were born the following children: Almira, born Oct. 13, 1860, died April 18, 1895. She was married to Dr. J. W. Rawlins, and left surviving her, Elsie Catherine, wife of Theodore Kearney, Scott B. and L. Fausta. Allie is buried at Greenup, Ill., beside her husband.

LaFayette, born Dec. 15, 1863, married Clara Roebuck, now superintendent Kentucky and Indiana Bridge and Terminal Co., at Louisville, Ky. They have one child, Laura Virginia, a sweet babe of two years.

Alva Newton, born Dec. 2, 1864, married Maude Rogers of Arkansas City, Kansas. He is now General Traffic Manager of the E. P. & S. W. R. R., with offices in Chicago. They have one son, Roger, now a student in Kentucky Military Institute, at Louisville.

Sonora Belle, was born June 30, 1869, married Wm. O. Boggs, and lives in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Lulu Villa Florence Brown was born Jan. 23, 1873, and died Sept. 2, 1873. Buried at Salem Cemetery, near Jewett, Ill.

Otis L. and Orin L., (twins,) were born Nov. 2, 1874, and are both living in Terre Haute, Indiana. Otis L. is a plasterer, married Margaret Sommers and is the father of two girls, Mildred and Genevieve. Orin L. is a lawyer and is the father of Lloyd Harcourt and Anita Lenore, the latter dying Dec. 24, 1909, aged 5 years, and lies buried in Beautiful Highland Lawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Ind.

Joseph Warren Brown, the youngest child, was born Aug. 18, 1877, is now Southeastern Passenger and Freight Agent of the E. P. & S. W. R. R., with offices in Memphis, Tenn.

Joseph Brown was born Dec. 21, 1837, and was drowned Aug. 21, 1840, while out with little playmates too small to rescue him. Of all the vicissitudes of her long life, this tragedy was perhaps the most sorrowful and lasting of any of the misfortunes that befell the dear mother of this family. The little

fellow was buried near his home in Kirkersville cemetery, Licking County, Ohio.

Rezin Brown was born Aug. 25, 1840, in Licking County, Ohio. He died Feb. 17, 1842, and is buried in the family burying ground there.

Thomas Brown was born April 23, 1842. He enlisted in the 123rd Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, for the Union cause, at the age of eighteen. He died in the Union Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 11, 1862, and is buried in the National Cemetery at Nashville.

Jamima Rebecca Brown, born Jan. 12, 1844, and Phillip Benjamin Ferguson were married May 17, 1863, and to them were born James, Abigail, (who married a Mr. Roberts,) Lucy, who married a Mr. Poe, and Bertha, who married a Kingery. All are living near Jewett, Illinois. Aunt "Mima" is still living, 1912, but has long been a widow.

Elizabeth Brown, born Aug. 18, 1846, died May 30, 1903, and James Berry were married March 4, 1866, and to them were born John, Bazzel, Elizabeth, Edward, Anna, Dottie, Millie and Margaret. All are dead except Anna and Elizabeth, who with their husbands live in Mattoon, Illinois. Aunt Betty lies buried in Berry Cemetery near Toledo, Ill., having died May 30, 1903.

As a passing tribute to the memory of all our dear ones now gone, I desire to say that no gentler, kindlier, purer and affectionate women have ever lived; no more honorable, upright, temperate, braver nor manlier men have faced life's battles; and no higher tribute for pure, loving, trust and sweet gentle faith to her who was the mother of this entire progeny could be paid than to say that the moment of death found the aged features wreathed in smiles and gentle nature left its imprint indelibly stamped upon the rigid features forever.





CATHERINE BROWN HOLMES

# Family Record of Eli and Catherine Brown Holmes

(By Callie Wilkin Jones.)

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Eli Holmes, Sr., was born March 1, 1795, in Washington County, Penn., and emigrated with his father's family to Fairfield County, Ohio, when about ten years of age. He was the tenth child of a family of fifteen. His parents were James Holmes, Sr., and Nancy Ann Whitaker Holmes. The said James Holmes, Sr., assisted in establishing American Independence during the war of the Revolution. He enlisted from Bedford County, Penn., April 15, 1776, and resigned Dec. 31, 1776, being incapacitated from further service because of a gunshot wound through the hips, which made him a cripple for life.

He was third Lieutenant in 1st Battalion of Miles, Pa., Rifle Regt. of Capt. Richard Brown's Company. The remains of this Revolutionary soldier and his wife lie in what is known as George Wells grave-yard, one-half mile north of the national road, about half way between Kirkersville and Hebron in Licking County, Ohio.

The inscriptions on the stones lying upon the graves of James Holmes and Nancy Ann Whitaker Holmes, are:

"Here lie the remains of James Holmes, who died Feb. the 2nd, A. D. 1823, aged 75 years. He after serving his country in the Revolutionary war, raised 13 sons and one daughter who survive him. Early in life he embraced Christianity and died in the faith. An honest man is the noblest work of God."

On hers the following:

"Here lie the remains of Ann Holmes, relict of James Holmes, who died Sept. 12, A. D. 1829, aged 69 years. As a

wife she was devoted and faithful, as a mother, tender and affectionate, as a neighbor, kind and benevolent, as a Christian, meek, pious and sincere."

Catherine (Caty) Brown was born in Kentucky, Jan. 3rd, 1799, and came with her father's family to Ohio in her childhood. The writer has heard her tell, how one day as she was out in the yard taking care of a younger brother, a handsome young lad came riding up, and it proved to be her cousin, Eli Holmes, and she at once fell in love with him, and it proved to be love at first sight with both parties, which culminated in their marriage Nov. 13, 1817, by John McMahon. Many can vouch for the fact that they remained faithful lovers "until death did them part," and we have no doubt they are as united lovers in the better land. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, Catherine being a member from childhood, and Eli was led to the altar to join church by his oldest daughter, Sarah, at a meeting in his own barn. He was a very enthusiastic Christian and at times so happy that he would almost shout. He attended protracted meetings far and near, and at one time when he wanted to go to one of these meetings, he found himself without trousers suitable to wear, so he asked Caty to make him some. The only kind of goods she had was a piece of red woolen, out of which the trousers were made, and Eli wore them to the meeting. Catherine was not so demonstrative, but no less sincere a Christian, she was quite a seamstress and was said to have cleared more of the timber off their farm with her needle, (by making clothing for the workmen), than did her husband with his ax.

The clearing of the quarter section they moved upon when first married, was an enormous task, the timber being so dense, that it is said, one could have walked on logs without stepping on the ground, all over the quarter section.

After a few years, the first log cabin built, had to be replaced by a larger one to accommodate the increasing family, and later as the children grew to manhood and womanhood, the log cabin gave place to a frame house, painted white with green shutters. This house still stands and is fairly well preserved. When this family of children were all married, the farm was sold and Eli and Catherine Holmes went to live at

Zanesville, Ohio, their youngest son, James M., and family living with them in their old age. On June 29, 1869, Eli Holmes, Sr., went to his reward after a short illness. Catherine then made her home with her children, spending a short time at each place. On March 29, 1876, after a few days' sickness, she "fell asleep" at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nancy Wilkin, near Granville, Ohio. The bodies of the two lovers lie side by side in the beautiful Woodlawn cemetery at Zanesville, Ohio.

Nine children were born to Eli and Catherine Holmes, viz.: Nicholas, Sarah, Catherine, Nancy, Betsy, Eli, Bezaleel, Amanda and James.

Nicholas Holmes was born Dec. 22, 1818, and died June 28, 1896, at Milford, Ill., and was buried at Hebron, Crawford County, Ill. He was married four times, his first wife, Rebecca Ann Hooper, was born Dec. 31, 1821. They were married Dec. 22, 1842, at Kirkersville, Ohio, and Mrs. Holmes died July 20, 1859, at Robinson, Ill., and was buried at Hebron, Ill.

To Nicholas and Rebecca Ann Hooper Holmes were born eight children, four dying in childhood. Mary Holmes, born in Licking County, Ohio, 1843, and died the same year. James Augustus Holmes was born in Licking County, Ohio, Jan. 23, 1845, and was married to Lovina Longenecker at Gilman, Ill., April 16, 1871. Mr. Holmes now resides at Pueblo, Colorado. He is a Methodist, a Republican and a harness maker. To James Augustus and Lovina Holmes were born three daughters, Mary Alice, born at Sheldon, Iroquois County, Ill., Jan. 13, 1872. She married Albert Griffin, a contractor at Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 17, 1892. They had three children, Fay Griffin, born June 6, 1893, and died June 30, 1893; was buried at Riverview cemetery, Pueblo, Colo. Albert Griffin Jr., born Dec. 22, 1895; Wilmer Griffin, born Dec. 19, 1897.

Luella Vivian Holmes, second daughter of James A. and Lovina Holmes, was born at Milford, Ill., March 16, 1883. Her address is Pueblo, Colo.; she is a writer of poetry and stories and is a bookkeeper.

Grace Holmes, third daughter of James A. and Lovina Holmes, was born at Milford, Ill., March 19, 1885. She married John C. Lannon, a master mechanic, Sept. 24, 1904, at Pueblo, Colo. They have one child, Charles A. Lannon, born Sept. 17, 1906.

John Abraham Holmes was born in Licking County, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1846, and two children were born to him and his wife Mary, viz.: James C., born at Milford, Ill., Jan. 23, 1868, and married to Lucinda Harvey at Chicago, Ill. They have two children, Esther and Wendell. Nellie J. Holmes, second child of John A. and Mary Holmes, was born at Milford, Ill., July 2, 1872, and was married to Dr. Kelly, a dentist. They live at Gratiot, Wisconsin.

John A. Holmes was married the second time to Jennie Laird at Milford, Ill. They had seven children, viz.: John N., born at Milford, Ill., May 7, 1881, Frank D., born April 7, 1885, at Pierre, South Dakota; Earl C., born Feb. 29, 1888; Flo E., born April 10, 1889; Lina B., born July 8, 1896; Laird W., born Feb. 28, 1899; Albert H., born April 18, 1901.

Flo E. Holmes was married to a Mr. Maresch and has two children, Eli and Josie M. Marech. This family live at Pierre, South Dakota.

Charles W. Holmes, fourth child of Nicholas and Rebecca Ann Holmes, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio. He is married and lives at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Eli Holmes, born in Crawford County, Illinois, 1853, died 1864, having been accidentally run over by a wagon and killed at the home of his grandfather, Eli Holmes, Sr. George C. Holmes was born Jan. 25, 1854, and died Sept. 19, 1855, at Crawford County, Ill. Theodore Holmes, born July 6, 1859, died October, 1859, at Crawford County, Ill. Kate P. Holmes, daughter of Nicholas and Rebecca Ann Hooper Holmes, was born at Robinson, Ill., Dec. 4, 1856. She married William H. Mogg, March 12, 1877. They live at Chaffee, Missouri, are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Mogg is a telegraph operator. They had three children; Charles W., was born Dec. 7, 1877, and married Elsie M. Jeffries, Aug. 10, 1910; they live at Thebes, Ill. Cora A. Mogg, born March 24, 1880, and married L. A. Lewellyn, Sept. 2, 1902. They have one child, Dorothy; their address is Blytheville, Ark. Harman Mogg, youngest child of Kate and William Mogg, was born March 21, 1895, and died in Milford, Ill., Aug. 5, 1895.

Sarah Holmes, second child of Eli and Catherine Holmes, was born Sept. 21, 1820, and joined the Methodist Episcopal

church when quite young. She married Dennis McElheron at her parents' home Dec. 1, 1844, and joined the Presbyterian church with her husband, May 29, 1859. She died at the home of her parents and was buried at Fletcher Chapel, south of Kirkersville, Ohio.

Catherine Holmes, third child of Eli and Catherine Holmes, was born south of Kirkersville, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1822. She was married to Josias Whitaker, March 14, 1841, by Thos. Larkin. Mr. Whitaker was born Sept. 16, 1818. Their children were, Nannie Holmes Whitaker, born Jan. 14, 1842, who was married to James Van Eaton, Nov. 27, 1865, at Terre Haute, Ind., by Rev. Wm. Graham. They had two children: George E., born Jan. 12, 1867, at Terre Haute, Ind., and on Oct. 29, 1893, he married Hannah Haningan, who was born March 25, 1873, in Ireland. Mr. Van Eaton is a cotton seed oil merchant in New York City. Their children are: May, born Aug. 29, 1894, in Jersey City, N. J., and Ralph Awiter Van Eaton, born Dec. 18, 1899, in New York City.

Grace Van Eaton, second child of Nannie and James Van Eaton, born March 5, 1880, and was married to George Harper, Dec. 14, 1889, at Robinson, Ill., by Rev. Beckett. They had one child, George Van Eaton Harper, born Nov. 28, 1899, at St. Marie, Ill. Grace Van Eaton Harper died at St. Louis, Mo., and was buried at Greenville, Ill., March 13, 1908.

Eli Bronson Whitaker, second child of Catherine and Josias Whitaker, was born Feb. 4, 1844, and died April 12, 1848, in Ohio. Fannie Whitaker was born April 16, 1848. She was married to William A. Davis, January 9, 1866, at Terre Haute, Ind., by Rev. C. A. Brooks. A few years later Mr. Davis died at Princeton, Minn., and Mrs. Davis was again married to Eli Murphy at Greenville Ill., by Rev. Gibson. Mrs. Murphy died April 24, 1899, at Robinson, Ill., and was buried at Palestine, where Mr. Murphy was also buried in the year 1903.

Ella Whitaker was born Aug. 1, 1848, in Ohio, and died Dec. 21, 1887, at Greenville, Ill.

Kate Whitaker was born July 2, 1852, in Ohio, and lives in Omaha, Neb., with her sister Emma.

Charles Branson Whitaker was born Nov. 2, 1854, in Ohio. He is a merchant salesman, Episcopalian and Republican, and

was married to Josephine Beatty. They have four children: Byrl, Jessie, Raymond and Curtis. Byrl is a traveling salesman, and a Republican in politics. To him and Emma, his wife, were born one son, Lynn, and to Jessie and Walter Arpee, a daughter, Mary Josephine. Mr. Arpee is a salesman and a Catholic. The family of Chas. B. Whitaker live in St. Louis, Mo.

James Wilbur Whitaker was born in Illinois, Jan. 29, 1858, and married Sadie Priscilla Hoffman, Oct. 3, 1888, at Greenville, Ill. Mr. Whitaker is a merchant, a Republican and Methodist in religious belief. Three children came to this home, Guy Wilbur, born at Greenville, Ill., July 30, 1889, and died July 17, 1894, James Earl, born March 27, 1891, at Terre Haute, Ind., and died Aug. 27, 1894, and Sadie Marie, born Feb. 2, 1897, at Terre Haute, Ind.

Harry Elmer Whitaker, eighth child of Catherine and Josias Whitaker, was born Nov. 16, 1860. He is a merchant and married Cora Young, Dec. 25, 1889. Their children are Florence Kathryn, born June 7, 1891, Harry Edmond, born Oct. 14, 1892, Robert Aaron, born Aug. 1, 1899 and died Jan. 22, 1900, Frances Emily, born Oct. 17, 1901. This family live at Robinson, Ill., and are Methodists.

Emma Amanda Whitaker, youngest child of Catherine and Josias Whitaker, was born Nov. 14, 1863, and was married to William Henry Thompson, June 14, 1887, at Greenville, Ill., by the Rev. Wm. Ravenscroft. Mr. Thompson is an attorney, a Presbyterian and Democrat. Their children are: Frances Catherine, born Sept. 9, 1888; Grace Ann, born July 13, 1890, and William Edward Schenck, born Dec. 24, 1892. He is now a law student. This family lives at Omaha, Nebraska.

Nancy Holmes, fourth child of Eli and Catherine Holmes, was born in Licking County, Ohio, two and one-half miles south of Kirkersville, March 8, 1825. On March 29, 1849, she was married to Enos Wilkin by Rev. Harvey. Mr. Wilkin was born Oct. 11, 1823, southeast of Newark, O., in Franklin township, Licking County. There were four daughters in this family, viz.: Sarah Catherine, born Feb. 22, 1850, and died Sept. 28, 1851, being buried in the Fletcher Chapel grave-yard. Amanda, Libbie and Calla. Enos Wilkin and Nancy Holmes

have been married nearly sixty-three years, and so far as we know, they are the oldest couple in the relationship. They have lived pure and upright lives, were strictly honest, and no task was too hard, when their children were to derive some good therefrom. Being deprived of educational advantages, made them more anxious that their children should have what they greatly missed. They joined the Methodist Episcopal church at Fletcher Chapel when quite young, and always afterward attended the services when their strength would allow. They are farmers and Republicans.

Amanda Wilkin, second daughter of Enos and Nancy Holmes Wilkin, was born March 15, 1853, near Kirkersville, Ohio. She graduated from Granville Female College, June 17, 1874, and on Dec. 4, 1879, was married to James A. Huston by Rev. Orville J. Nave, at the home of her parents at the farm, Shady Lawn, east of Granville, Ohio. In 1871 she united with the Methodist Episcopal church under pastor A. H. Windsor, and has ever since been a member of this church, and a zealous worker in the Sunday school and Missionary societies. As a Daughter of the American Revolution she possesses a strong vein of patriotism; is fond of the arts and travel, but is more interested in her home and family than these.

James Archibald Huston was born in New Lexington, Ohio, Oct. 6, 1853, was educated in the schools of that place and took a business course at Zanesville, Ohio. He commenced his business career as a druggist. In 1884 he became contracting agent for the Smith Bridge Company of Toledo, Ohio. This later was changed to the Toledo Bridge Co., and Mr. Huston became manager of the same. In 1901 he removed to Pittsburg, Pa., as general manager of the Pittsburg division of the American Bridge Co. In February, 1911, he resigned his position here and retired from active business. He is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church and most of his life has been a leading official. At the present time he is superintendent of the Sabbath school in Sewickley, Pa., which has an enrollment of nearly five hundred, and is president of the board of trustees of this church, its membership being over nine hundred. His politics have generally been Democratic, but there have been exceptions when he voted Republican.



Libbie Roberta Huston, eldest daughter of James A. and Amanda W. Huston, was born at Shady Lawn, Granville, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1880, and died at New Lexington, Ohio, Sept. 14, 1888. She is buried in the Huston family lot at New Lexington. James A. Huston, Jr., was born at New Lexington, Ohio, Aug. 25, 1885. He graduated at Princeton University in the Civil Engineering course, class of 1908. He is a Methodist and usually votes the Republican ticket. He is in the employment of the Ward Bread Company of New York.

Nanette Marie Huston was born in Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 11, 1888. She was graduated from the Baldwin School at Bryn Mawr, Pa., class of 1908. After an extended trip in Southern Europe and up the Nile, she is at home with her parents in Sewickley, Pa. She is a member and faithful worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and Sunday school.

Hayesel Wilkin Huston was born in Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1889. She was graduated from the Baldwin School at Bryn Mawr, Pa., class of 1908, and from Mrs. Finch's school in New York, class of 1909, and after the same European trip with her sister, is at home with her parents. She is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Libbie R., daughter of Enos and Nancy Holmes Wilkin, was born March 11, 1856, south of Kirkersville, Ohio. She received the greater part of her education at the Granville Female College, but attended Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and graduated from that school in the class of 1876. On Dec. 4, 1879, she was married to Henry Judson Carter by Rev. Orville J. Nave. She united with the Methodist Episcopal church in Granville, Ohio, under the pastorate of Rev. Jamison. Her religious life was quiet and unpretending. Only those who were near her knew of the many kind acts performed for the comfort of others. Her testimonies during her last illness expressed an unfaltering faith in Christ as her personal Savior. On June 11, 1897, she "fell asleep," and the body rests in the beautiful Maple Grove cemetery at Granville, Ohio.

To Libbie R. and H. Judson Carter was born one child, a daughter, Sophronia, March 9, 1881, who married Willoughby D. Brooks, Jan. 23, 1907. Sophronia is a fine musician and does beautiful needlework. Mr. Carter was a farmer the fore part

of his life, but now is in a general merchandise store with his son-in-law, Mr. Brooks, in Alexandria, Ohio.

Calla M., youngest daughter of Enos and Nancy Wilkin, was born June 29, 1860, south of Kirkersville, Ohio. She attended Granville Female College, completing her Junior year. On March 8, 1883, she was married by Rev. J. T. Miller to Timothy B. Jones, who was born south of Granville, Ohio, July 26, 1860. They have one child, Wilkin Timothy, born March 21, 1885, two miles east of Granville, Ohio. Wilkin attended High school in Granville, and after completing the course, went to Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, for four years, graduating in the classical course in 1906. On Dec. 25, 1906, he was united in marriage to Ella Camp of Outville, Ohio, by Rev. J. N. Eason. Ella received her education at Granville, where she became acquainted with her future husband. The Jones family are farmers, Republicans and Methodists.

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Betsy Holmes, daughter of Eli and Catherine Holmes, was born April 21, 1827, and died Aug. 3, 1833. She was buried at George's grave-yard by the side of her grandmother Holmes.

Eli Holmes, Jr., was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, June 5, 1829, and died February 2, 1912, in his 83rd year, having lived the life of a retired farmer during his later years. He was a Republican in politics, and was a zealous member of the Methodist church for many years previous to his death. He was married to Maria Watson, April 7, 1853, in Fairfield County, Ohio. Maria Watson was born Dec. 10, 1831, and died May 29, 1910. She was buried in Maple Grove cemetery at Milford, Ill. Their children were: William Thomas, James, who was born Jan. 13, 1855, in Licking County, Ohio, and died Jan. 21, 1857, being buried at Fletcher Chapel; Sarah Catherine, Edmond Ross, Watson Chester and Mary Flora, born July 1, 1870, in Iroquois County, Illinois, and died March 28, 1877, and was buried in Belmont cemetery, Iroquois County, Ill.

William Thomas, oldest son of Eli and Maria Holmes, was born March 7, 1854, near Kirkersville, Ohio, and was married to Mary Elizabeth Ashbaugh at Cleveland, Indiana, January 15, 1877. He was a railroad conductor, a Republican and Meth-

odist. He died Dec. 1, 1906, at 5936 Normal Avenue, Chicago, and was buried in Oakwood cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

Mary Elizabeth Ashbaugh was born Jan. 28, 1850, at Baltimore, Ohio. Her religious preference is for the Christian church and she lives at 5936 Normal Ave., Chicago, Ill. The children of Wm. T. and Mary Elizabeth Holmes were: Grace Evelin, born Oct. 22, 1877, at Milford, Ill.; she is a Baptist and lives with her mother; Kathryn Marie, born Jan. 8, 1880, at Milford, Ill.; Edmund Ross, born March 1, 1882, at Danville, Ill.; Leona Florence, born Oct. 2, 1884, at Danville, Ill.; Minnie F., born Nov. 29, 1886 at Danville, Ill., who died April 4, 1887, and was buried at Danville, Ill.

Kathryn Marie Holmes, second child of William T. and Mary E. Holmes, was married to a Mr. Durkee, Feb. 18, 1903, in Chicago, Ill. Mr. Durkee was born June 24, 1872, in Boston, Mass. He is a railroad conductor and they are Baptists in religion, Republican in politics, and live at 6930 Princeton Avenue, Chicago, Ill. They have one child, Everett Melville Durkee, born Aug. 17, 1905, at Chicago, Ill.

Edmund Ross Holmes, third child of Wm. T. and Mary E. Holmes, was married to Mary C. Lindstrom, Sept. 14, 1904, in Chicago. They are Baptists, Republicans, and he is business expert accountant for the Rock Island Railroad Co. His wife, Mary C. Lindstrom, was born in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 21, 1883, and they live at 6821 Emerald Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Leona Florence, fourth child of Wm. T. and Mary E. Holmes, married Loyd E. Shirley in Chicago, April 28, 1904. Mr. Shirley was born Jan. 26, 1880, in Sterling, Ill. He is a Republican, a superintendent of machine shops. They are Baptists and live at Hillsboro, Ohio.

Sarah Catherine Holmes, third child of Eli and Maria Holmes, was born in Licking County, Dec. 25, 1857, and was married to Charles O. Jones in Milford, Ill., April 26, 1876. They are Methodists. To them were born Charles Homer, July 15, 1877, who died Aug. 24, 1883, and was buried at Sugar Creek cemetery, near Milford, Ill.; Ruby Ethlyn, born Nov. 15, 1882. She is a member of the Methodist church and was married to Harry J. Harman, a lawyer, Dec. 24, 1907. To them

was born Harry Jones Harman, May 24, 1909, and they live at 1377 East 57th St., Hyde Park, Chicago, Ill.

Edmund Earl Jones was born Dec. 22, 1884, in Springfield, Ill. He is a Methodist, a Republican and a bookkeeper. He lives at 1377 East 57th St., Hyde Park, Chicago, Ill.

Charles Watson Jones was born March 13, 1887, at Springfield, Ill. He is a salesman, Republican and lives in San Francisco, California.

Edmund Ross Holmes, fourth child of Eli and Maria Holmes was born Jan. 8, 1861, in Licking County, Ohio. He is a shoe merchant, a Methodist and Republican. On Dec. 19, 1888, in Crawfordsville, Ind., he was married to Sue M. Snyder, who was born June 2, 1867. She is also a Methodist and they live at 302 Crawford St., (Mills Place), Crawfordsville, Ind.

Watson Chester Holmes, fifth child of Eli and Maria Holmes, was born Sept. 21, 1862, in Fairfield County, Ohio. He married Jessie F. French, Dec. 25, 1899, in Indianapolis, Ind. They are Methodists, Republicans and he is a railroad conductor from St. Louis, Mo., to Kansas City. They have one child, Harriet Marie Holmes, born March 20, 1901, in Chicago, Ill. They live at 2321 Athlowe Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Bezaleel Holmes, son of Eli and Catherine Holmes, was born March 30, 1833, one-half mile south of the north line of Fairfield County, Ohio, and 14 miles north of Lancaster, the county seat, on what is known as the Johnstown wagon road, two and one-half miles south of Kirkersville, and 21 miles east of Columbus. He was raised on a farm of 320 acres. He was indeed his father's plow boy, and whenever a plow was used on the farm, Bezaleel had hold of the handles until he was near of age. He got most of his education in an old log house known as the Refugee School House. He did, however, attend the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, a few terms, recited some to President Thompson and Prof. Harris, both afterwards made bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church. He also recited to Drs. Lorenzo Dow McCabe and Frederick Merriek, after which he taught two winter schools for four months each. At the age of twenty-one, with his brother Eli, he took charge of what at that time was the Kirkersville railroad station, and remained there for three years. He then went to

Terre Haute, Ind., which place has been his home since the fall of 1857. On Feb. 12, 1860, he married Sarah J. Bellwood of Terre Haute, Ind., who died May 10, 1897, aged 65 years. Their children were: Eugene E., born Dec. 21, 1830, who is a clerk in the city of Chicago, and has one child.

Rosa T., second child of Bezaleel and Sarah J. Holmes, was born May 23, 1863, and married Edwin S. Gobin, brother of Hilary Gobin of DePauw University. Mr. Gobin died several years prior to Mrs. Gobin, who died of leakage of the heart, June 7, 1910, at Pasadena, California, and was brought home and buried beside her husband in Highland Lawn cemetery, Terre Haute, Ind. They had two children, Lillie F., and Arthur Gobin.

Mary Catherine, third child of Bezaleel and Sarah J. Holmes, was born April 15, 1865, and married Mr. Lawrence. They have five children and live in Terre Haute, Ind.

Ella, fourth child of Bezaleel and Sarah J. Holmes, was born July 29, 1869. Her home is in Louisville, Kentucky.

James William Holmes, born Jan. 20, 1871. He is married and lives in Terre Haute, Ind., and has three children.

Carrie Gertrude Holmes, born Sept. 28, 1875. She married Mr. Van Bussan. They have one child and live at Louisville, Ky. Bezaleel Holmes took the second diploma in Bookkeeping in Terre Haute, Ind., during the winter of 1858, and was a salesman both in the store and on the road for several years. He has been for the past 42 years engaged in the real estate business, has been a Notary Public for 41 years, was initiated into Evergreen Lodge of the I. O. O. F., at Kirkersville, O., June 24, 1854, and in 1867 joined the Terre Haute Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F. by card from the former lodge. He has been a regular attendant of the lodge ever since. He is also an Encampment member, is a member of the Rebecca degree, a member of the Patriarchs Militant; has passed all the chairs of the Subordinate lodge, Encampment, etc.; is a member of the State Grand Lodge and Encampment, has been chaplain for twelve years, has never asked for a place in work, but is always asked to fill one of the most important places. It is believed that Bezaleel Holmes has conferred more degrees of lodge work than any other man in Indiana. When he joined Lodge No.

51. there were less than one hundred members in it; now there are three hundred and seventy-five members. And he has helped to bury from this lodge at least one hundred and forty. He is an active member in his Canton No. 28, which has won several prizes at the meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. This family are Methodists.

Amanda Holmes, youngest daughter of Eli and Catherine Holmes was born April 20, 1835, in Fairfield County, Ohio. On Feb. 7, 1865, she was married to Archibald M. Huston, who was born April 17, 1824, in Perry County, Ohio, and died in Columbus, Ohio, July 19, 1898, and was buried in Woodlawn cemetery at Zanesville, Ohio. To them were born four children, two boys and two girls: Archibald Holmes, born Aug. 7, 1866, in Zanesville, O., was married to Julia Samuel Oct. 2, 1887. They have two children, Florence and Archibald C., who are attending school at their home in Columbus, Ohio.

Margaret Huston was born Sept. 4, 1868, at Zanesville, Ohio, and married William H. Goddard, Oct. 12, 1897. Their children are: Joseph Archibald, born April, 1899, and Charles Huston, born Nov. 19, 1901. This family live in Muncie, Ind. Charles Chesterfield Huston, born June 11, 1869, was married to Martha Duffy, Oct. 2, 1901, who died in January, 1903.

Amanda Huston, youngest child of Amanda and Archibald Huston, was born July 20, 1875. She attended the schools of Columbus and Ohio State University, and taught for some time. She and her mother make their home in Muncie, Ind.

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James Monroe Holmes was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, June 15, 1837. He received a common school education only. Taught school six winters, was a farmer until he went to war in 1864. He was made a prisoner of war, and when he reached home was so weakened and enfeebled as to be unable to stand the exposure incident to farming, and went to clerking in the grocery business for several years. He then engaged in the coal trade, then procured a bookkeeper's position in the Perry County Bank of New Lexington Ohio, afterwards becoming its cashier. In 1882 he was appointed to a clerkship in the U. S.

Pension Office at Washington, D. C., which position he still holds. On November 9, 1862, he married Frances Turner of Fairfield County, Ohio, who is still a devoted and much esteemed helpmeet, a zealous church and missionary worker, and is greatly interested in all philanthropic works. They were the parents of four children. Harriet Holmes was born Aug. 19, 1862, in Fairfield County, Ohio. She married Jason F. Defandorf, a native of New York State, Aug. 6, 1889. Mr. Defandorf has for years held a clerkship in the U. S. Postoffice Department at Washington, D.C. He was educated at Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut. Their children are: Elizabeth P. Defandorf, born in Washington, D. C., May 18, 1890. After graduating from the Washington public schools, she entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and spent two years there. She is now teaching in her home school at Garrett Park, Maryland, and intends to enter an eastern school another year, to complete her university course. James H. Defandorf was born in Washington, D. C., April 29, 1892. He also is a graduate of the Washington, D. C. schools and has entered the Wesleyan University in Connecticut. John L. Defandorf was born at Garrett Park, Maryland, July 5, 1894, and is attending school at Washington, D. C. Francis Marion Defandorf was born at Garret Park, Maryland, April 18, 1897, and is a student in the home school. This family are Methodists and Republicans. A son was born to James M. and Frances Holmes, but died in infancy.

Fannie K. Holmes was born in Zanesville, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1869. She attended the Washington, D. C. schools, and has for a number of years held a clerkship in the U. S. Treasury.

Mary Holmes was born in New Lexington Ohio, March 15, 1874. After attending school in Washington, D. C., she completed a medical course in the Woman's Medical College at Philadelphia, Pa., and is now practicing medicine at Washington, D. C. The oldest daughter of this family, Harriet, attended school at Ohio Wesleyan University, and was quite a fine artist. The members of this family are all Methodists and have been church workers from childhood. In politics they are Republicans. Their address is 227 1st St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

## OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

Two sons of Eli and Catherine Holmes were in the war of the Rebellion, the oldest son and the youngest. Nicholas Holmes enlisted as a private in Co. C., 46th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Sept. 21, 1861, and was transferred to Company I, same Regiment, about February, 1862, and served faithfully until February 1863, at which time on account of disabilities contracted while in line of duty, he was honorably discharged. These disabilities were the cause of his death in after years. He was in the battle of Shiloh and in the siege of Corinth, Mississippi, in the spring of 1862.

James Monroe Holmes enlisted as member of Company B., 135th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May 2nd, 1864, at Camp Chase, Ohio. He served under Captain U. S. Westbrook and Colonel A. Legg, guarding the B. & O. Railroad from May 13 to July 3, 1864, was taken prisoner at North Mountain, Va., July 3, 1864, was in prison at Lynchburg, Va., from July 11 to 19, at Andersonville, Ga., from July 27 to Sept. 30, at Savannah, Ga., from Oct. 1 to 14, and at Milan, Ga., from Oct. 15 to Nov. 22, 1864, when he was removed to Savannah, Ga., and was paroled Nov. 25, 1864. On the 26th he was delivered to the Union fleet off Fort Pulaski, Ga., a mere skeleton from starvation and inhuman treatment. He arrived at the U. S. Hospital, Annapolis, Md., Dec. 1, furloughed home Dec. 17, 1864, and mustered out Jan. 19, 1865, at Columbus, Ohio. In company with James Monroe Holmes, was his cousin, Nicholas C. Brown, Sr., and Thomas E. Hayes. These three kept together throughout the terrible suffering they experienced in Andersonville prison, and "the ties of friendship formed in mutual adversity strengthen with the setting sun of life."

James Augustus Holmes, eldest son of Nicholas Holmes, was in the Civil War. He enlisted in Company C., 46th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Sept. 18, 1861, and was transferred in Feb. 1862 to Company I, same regiment for the purpose of making the full number of ten companies for the regiment. He was in Shiloh and all the engagements of the regiment until the close of the war, except the advance on, and siege of Corinth, being in the general hospital at Louisville,



Ky., sick at the time. He was sent to the barracks by the doctor in charge of the hospital to be put in the invalid corps, but he deserted from the barracks the next day, and in spite of the vigilance of the guards, went aboard a boat and went down the Ohio river to Paducah, Ky., and then up the Tennessee river to Humbolt Landing, Tenn., and from there to Corinth, where he reported to the Provost Marshal, who told him his regiment was probably at La Grange, Tenn., or on its way there, and gave him permission to jump a train that was going there. When he arrived there he found Companies E. and G. there, but not his own, they not yet having arrived. He reported to Captain Pinney of Company E., and explained how he came to be there, and the captain invited him to remain with his company until the rest arrived, when he reported the circumstances to the colonel, who told him he would fix his case all right if anything was done about his leaving the barracks, and to report to his company for duty by a peremptory order of the colonel. He was promoted to corporal, July 5, 1862, but refused any further promotions during the service. He has the distinction of being the only soldier in the service who had the honor of commanding a brigade while holding the rank of corporal, there being one full Colonel, two or three (Lieutenant) Colonels and two or three Majors in the brigade at the time. He commanded the Second Brigade, First Division, 15th Army Corps, by order of Brigadier General R. F. Catterson and had full command from twelve o'clock at noon until 8:30 p. m., during the absence of General Catterson and his staff.

The number of engagements of this Regiment was thirty-two (32), according to General John A. Logan's statement. This Regiment was in Vicksburg campaign and the second siege of Jackson, Mississippi, then back to Chattanooga and Knoxville Relief, back to Scottsboro, Ala., where the said James A. Holmes re-enlisted as a veteran and went through the Atlanta campaign and then on the March to the Sea and through to Washington, D. C., and Grand Review, then to Louisville, Ky., where he was mustered out July 22, 1865, then to Camp Chase, Ohio, where he was finally discharged July 27, 1865. James A. Holmes joined the Grand Army of the Republic, June 3rd, 1866, at Newark, Ohio. He was the first Adjutant of Post No.

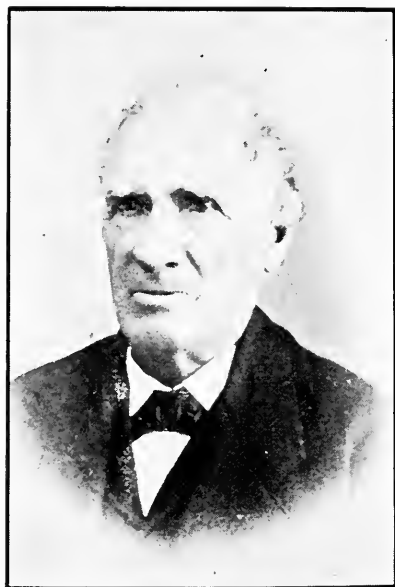
3, under the old organization of the G. A. R., and has been a member ever since, but of different posts from the old organization; also from the new. He was charter member of four different posts since he first joined at Newark, Ohio. He was charter member of Venum Post, No. 174 of Milford, Ill.; also Post Commander of said post. He is at the present time a member of Butler Post, No. 98, or the new name of Pueblo Post, No. 8, the Butler and Upton Posts having consolidated. He was a charter member of both the Butler and Pueblo Posts and carried the flag for the post for 18 or 20 years.

## Family Record of Asa and Hannah Comly-Brown.

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Asa Brown, son of Nicholas and Sarah Whitaker Brown, was born June 4, 1801, in Madison County, Ky. He passed from time to eternity July 26, 1883.

Hannah Comly, daughter of James and Catherine Whitaker Comly, was born May 18, 1806, in Jefferson County, Ohio, and departed this life September 10, 1876. Asa Brown and Hannah Comly were married at New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, December 13, 1827. The subjects of this brief sketch were born on the frontier and were not favored with free school privileges. They were self-educated, and as they grew to mature years were able to fill their places in life in a very creditable manner. Asa Brown became a school teacher and taught for many years in winter seasons. He worked on his farm in warm weather and by dint of industry and rigid economy, became a prosperous farmer with the comforts of life sufficient for happiness and comfort. He was a devout Christian and an able speaker on religious subjects. He was licensed by the Methodist Episcopal church to speak in public as an exhorter, and was a class leader and steward of the church. His wife was a help mate in all life's duties and never failed to give her influence for good. She was of Quaker family and believed their doctrines, but joined heartily in every good work and often visited the sick and dying, giving good counsel and words of comfort. Their home was always open to those who needed shelter and sometimes the children slept on the floor because the beds were filled with older people. Quarterly meetings always meant a full house at Asa Brown's. The first year of their married life they lived two miles south of Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio. Then they moved to a farm south of



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New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, where they resided until the year 1832. During this time he was employed on the Ohio Canal as a foreman at Gnadenhutten in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. He also taught school. In 1832 they moved to Union township, Licking County, Ohio, where he cleared and improved a large farm, and by dint of rigid economy, raised a large family, giving them a good education in the common schools and then sending them to the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, to finish their education.

I should fail to be just to those two old people, if I did not say their lives were devoted to doing good to their fellow beings. A more devoted Christian would be hard to find; morning and evening they knelt at the family altar and offered up their devotions to the ever-living God and never partook of refreshments without returning thanks. They were honest Christians against whom no truthful person has a word of censure, and when they came to the end of their life, only the mortal body simply died, for their souls shall never die. They passed through the Invisible and were changed to immortal and heavenly beings. Their lives live after them and cast a hallowed influence on all of us who knew them. Asa Brown was in his 83rd year, and Hannah was in her 71st year when called from labor to eternal rest. Their mortal remains lie side by side in the cemetery at Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio. To them were given ten children, five of whom lived to maturity: James C., Joshua M., Eliza E., Sarah C. and Nicholas C. Brown.

James C. Brown, eldest son of Asa and Hannah Comly Brown, was born near Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio, April 22, 1833.

Martha D. Peck, daughter of Sewel Peck, was born May 4, 1836, at Topsham, in the state of Vermont, and died near Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio, May 6, 1904. Her mortal remains rest in the cemetery at Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio. James C. Brown and Martha D. Peck were married near Johnstown, Ohio, March 26, 1856, by Rev. Pratt of Denison University, Granville, Ohio. Her family history is printed in book form and dated back to the time of King John of England. To this union were given two girls: Norcis Amanda, born Jan. 11, 1857, and married to Charles Wells, Nov. 23, 1876,



HANNAH COMLY BROWN

and died May 23, 1880, without children. They live at Outville, Ohio.

Eva May Brown was born May 21, 1860, and married Thomas H. Avery, Sept. 20, 1883, by Rev. Howe, D. D. To this union was given one son, James Edgar Avery, born Oct. 23, 1899, at the family home near Kirkersville, Ohio. They live at Outville, Ohio.

James C. Brown, the author of this book, was raised on a farm and attended district school, finally rounding out his education at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. Has been a teacher in public schools and a farmer and fruit grower. In religion was a Methodist, but changed to the Presbyterians later in life, thinking that they needed him more than the Methodists did. In politics is generally Republican with prohibition tendencies.

Joshua Milton Brown, son of Asa and Hannah Brown, was born Feb. 13, 1835, near Kirkersville, Ohio. Was married to Ann Virginia Niswander, Dec. 18, 1860, in Kirkersville, Ohio. To this marriage were given six sons: Frank A. D., James E., Charles S., William M., John M. and George N. Brown. Joshua M. Brown resides at Hebron, Ohio.

Frank A. D. Brown, son of Joshua M. and Ann V. Brown, was born Oct. 22, 1861, at Kirkersville, Ohio. He married Anna M. Innis, Dec. 25th, 1894. To this marriage have been given two sons, one of whom died in youth.

Emmerson Inis Brown, son of Frank A. D. and Anna M. Brown, was born July 23th, 1901, and resides in Columbus, Ohio.

James Edgar Brown, son of Joshua M. and Ann V. Brown, was born Dec. 17, 1863, and married to Anna M. Buckland, Oct. 27, 1887. To them were given two children, one of whom died in infancy.

Karl Frederick Brown, son of James E. and Anna M. Brown, was born Dec. 5th, 1891. He lives at Edminston, Province of Alberta, Canada.

Charles S. Brown, son of Joshua M. and Ann V. Brown, was born July 20, 1867, and married Ella A. White, Nov. 30, 1892. To this union have been given five children: Theodate Elizabeth Brown, born Oct. 27, 1893; William Edgar Brown,



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born Feb. 15, 1895; Frank Howard Brown, born Nov. 1, 1896; Mary Ann Brown, born Feb. 11, 1900; Walter White Brown, born March 31, 1902. They live at Kirkersville, Ohio.

William M. Brown, son of Joshua M. and Ann V. Brown, was born Aug. 5, 1869, and married Mary E. Cully, June 1, 1900. No children. They live at Hebron Ohio.

John M. Brown, son of Joshua M. and Ann V. Brown, was born April 6, 1872, and was married to Florence Starr, June 8, 1903. No children. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

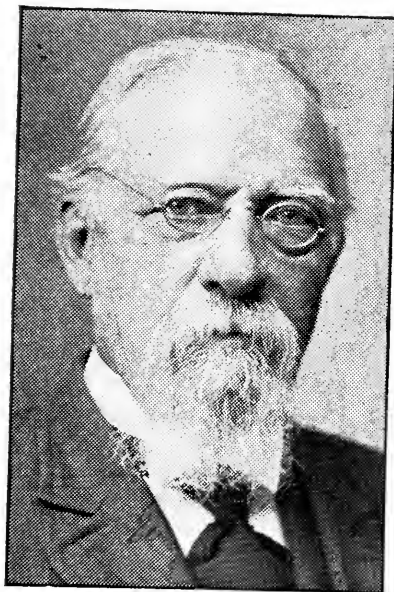
George N. Brown, M. D., son of Joshua M. and Ann V. Brown, was born Oct. 28, 1875, and married Iva G. Meredith, June 15, 1905. No children. They live in Hebron, Ohio.

Eliza E. Brown, daughter of Asa and Hannah Comly Brown, was born Feb. 2, 1837, and was married to Capt. Alexander N. Wells, Sept. 5, 1865. To them were given two children, both of whom died in infancy. Captain A. N. Wells served through the Civil War, was in all the battles of his regiment, was promoted from private to captain of Co. H., 43rd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. They reside at Johnstown, Ohio.

Sarah C. Brown, daughter of Asa and Hannah Comly Brown, was born Nov. 13, 1838, and married Luther S. Wood, Oct. 2, 1884. Luther S. Wood was a soldier of the Civil War. He served as a non-commissioned officer in Company A., 5th Independent Battallion, Ohio Cavalry. Died at Columbus, O., March 24, 1907. No children. Sarah C. Wood resides at Johnstown, Ohio.

Nicholas Comly Brown, Sr., pension attorney, son of Asa and Hannah Brown, was born near Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio, Jan. 21, 1843. He was married to Rachel Ellen Park, November 26, 1868, near Granville, Ohio. N. C. Brown was private in Co. B., 135th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and a prisoner of war at Andersonville, Ga., in 1864.

Rachel E. Park Brown was born near Granville, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1846, and was killed by cars Sept. 11, 1908, while enroute to Newark, Ohio. The Park family are of English descent and were of the first colonies to settle near Jamestown, Va., some time in the early part of the 17th century: were active patriots in the war of 1776-1782. The Park families intermarried with



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the Custis and Washington families of Virginia, and many of their descendants are to be found as far west as the Pacific coast. Her mother's people, (the Belts), were of English Quaker origin. They settled first at Baltimore, Md., about 1650, and were of the first settlers of Newark, Ohio. Mrs. Brown was a devoted wife and mother, and was a devout Christian in her every day life. She was interred in Maple Grove cemetery, Granville, Ohio. To this union were given nine children: James P., Asa H., Nicholas C. Jr., Arthur E., Katie M., Rachel E., Emma G., Linnie E. and Frederick C. Brown. Linnie E. and Frederick C. died young.

James Park Brown, son of Nicholas C. and Rachel E. Brown, was born Oct. 2, 1869, and was married to Gertrude M. Warden, Oct. 13, 1897. To them have been given two sons: Ralph B. Brown, born July 10, 1899, and Harold F. Brown, born Oct. 2, 1904. They live at Columbus, Ohio.

Asa Homer Brown, son of Nicholas C. and Rachel E. Brown, was born April 27, 1872. He married Jessie V. Larimore, Jan. 24, 1895, and died Nov. 29, 1898. To this marriage were given two daughters, one of whom died in infancy.

Bernice Irene Brown, daughter of Asa H. and Jessie V. Brown, was born November 16, 1897, in Newark, Ohio. She and her mother live in Granville, Ohio.

Nicholas Comly Brown, Jr., son of Nicholas C. and Rachel E. Brown, was born March 25, 1874, and was married to Daisie V. Olds, Nov. 15, 1899. They live at Union Station, Ohio.

Arthur Edward Brown, B. A., son of Nicholas C. and Rachel E. Brown, was born May 17, 1876, and married Mabel W. Stoddard, Oct. 22, 1907. To them have been given: Philip Stoddard Brown, born Aug. 12, 1909, and Virginia Brown, born Sept. 21, 1911. They re-side at 5436 Catherine St., Philadelphia, Penn.

Katie May Brown, daughter of Nicholas C. and Rachel E. Brown, was born Aug. 12, 1878, and was married to Prestley C. Grove, Oct. 5, 1898. To this union have been given: Kathryn Lillian Grove, born Aug. 11, 1899; John Nicholas Grove, born Jan. 24, 1900; Katie Pauline Grove, born Dec. 13, 1904; Arthur Prestley Grove, born Jan. 4, 1907; George Franklin Grove, born



ROGER BROWN GROVE  
Born October 19, 1911  
The youngest child in this record. His mother,  
KATIE M. BROWN-GROVE

March 24, 1909; Roger Brown Grove, born Oct. 19, 1911. They live at Newark, Ohio.

Rachel Ellen Brown, daughter of Nicholas C. and Rachel E. Brown, was born March 23, 1830, and was married to Karl E. Foster, March 25, 1908. To this union has been given Frederick Hunt Foster, born Dec. 11, 1909. They live at Union Station, Ohio.

Emma Grace Brown, daughter of Nicholas C. and Rachel E. Brown, was born Aug. 29, 1832, and was married to Frederick B. Larimore, M. D., March 8, 1906. To them has been given Rachel Hannah Larimore, born April 22, 1910. They live at New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Nicholas and Sarah Brown, was born July 20, 1803, in Madison County, Ky., and died Aug. 30, 1892. She married Isaac Green, Jan. 3, 1828. Isaac Green died Aug. 4, 1850, in the gold mines of California. He was the son of a Revolutionary soldier, one Benjamin Green, and Gen. Nathaniel Green was an uncle of his father. Isaac Green was a very energetic man in whatever he did, and was one of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters. He was the youngest son and was born in Licking County, Ohio. He was quite prominent in F. & A. Masonry and Odd Fellowship, was an ardent Methodist, and in politics was a Democrat. He lived near Newark, Ohio, on the Jacksontown road and represented Licking County in the State Legislature during two terms. He moved to Crawford County, Illinois, in 1847. To this union were given eight children as follows: Katherine, born April 21, 1829; Basil, born Sept. 17, 1830; Jesse, born Nov. 20, 1832; Nicholas, born Aug. 7, 1834; Sarah, born July 7, 1836; David, born Nov. 23, 1838; Mary, born Sept. 16, 1840; Rachel Amelia, born Jan. 22, 1844.

Catherine Green, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Brown Green, married Robert Gill. To them were given eight children, six of whom died young. Myra and Robert Gill are still living. Myra Gill married Thomas Clintworth. They have five children, four sons and a daughter. The daughter is married and lives in Florida, and the boys live in Denver, Col.

Newton Gill, son of Catherine and Robert Gill, is married



ELIZABETH BROWN-GREEN

and has one son. He lives in Denver, Colo. Catherine and Robert Gill are buried at Oblong, Ill.

Basil Green, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Brown Green, married Margaret Wilkin in Crawford County, Ill. He died July 19, 1911, and is buried at Dayton, Ill. To them were given six children: Josephine, Charles, Katherine, Fred, Winfield and Rush Green, two of whom died in youth. Josephine Green married John Gibson, and to this union were given two sons, both of whom are married and are living at Rock Island, Ill. Catherine and Charles Green died in youth. Fred Green is a bachelor. Winfield Green is married and has one daughter. They live at Joliet, Ill. Rush Green is married and has a daughter living at Dayton, Ill.

Jesse Green, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Brown Green, was married three times. By his first wife he had two children, one of whom died in infancy. H. H. Green, the other child, lived to manhood, married and had a daughter. She is married and lives in Chicago, Ill. H. H. Green is dead. Jesse Green by his second wife had two daughters who are married and live at Tampa, Fla., names not given. Jesse Green by his third wife had no children. All three wives are dead and Jesse died in 1910. He is buried at Dayton, Ill. He was chaplain of the 95th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Nicholas Green, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Brown Green, was married three times. By his first wife he had two sons: Edward B., living at San Antonio, Texas, and Clare H., living at Vicksburg, Miss. Both are married and have children. By his second wife, Nicholas Green had a daughter, Mabel Green, postoffice address not given. By his third wife he had one daughter, Blanche Green, who was born April 5, 1876. She is married to Willard Lott and lives in Tarkio, Mo. She has six children, four girls and two boys. Nicholas Green was Colonel of the 9th Regiment, Mo. Vol. Cavalry, died Aug. 9, 1880. Edward B. Green, son of aforesaid Nicholas Green, has been married twice and has two children, Nicholas and Blanche Green who are living at San Antonio, Texas. Clare H. Green married Pearl Glaze, daughter of Col. Henry Glaze, of San Francisco, Cal. To this union have been given three children: Nell, Harold and Clare, Jr.

Sarah Green, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Brown Green, married Levi Wilkin for her first husband. By him she had a daughter, May Green Wilkin, her first husband dying soon after the birth of the child. Her second husband, William Jones, was killed in a mine. Sarah is buried at Denver, Col.

Mary Green, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Brown Green, married John M. Eckhart, who died in 1880. To them were given three children, two girls and a son. The oldest girl is not married, the second girl has been married twice and has two sons by first marriage. No names given. Her second husband was murdered for his money. The son is not married. They reside in the city of Los Angeles, California.

David S. Green, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Brown Green, married Louise Dunnayon. To this union were given four children: Frank, who died in in his 14th year; Arthur, who has not married; Carl, who has been married twice, but has no children, and Walter, who is married and has a son. The families live in Denver, Colo.

Amelia Green, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Brown Green, married John A. DeLappa. They have two sons: DeStell and Burch. The older son is married, but has no children. The second son is not married. They live in Denver, Colo.



# The Callahan Family

(By Ethelbert Callahan.)

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Ethelbert Callahan, son of John and Margaret Callahan, was born in Licking County, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1829, and lived on a farm until he was twenty, had a common school education. Moved to Illinois in 1849, taught school and worked as a farm hand two years, clerked in a store one year, edited a newspaper in 1853 and 1854. He married Mrs. Mary B. Jones of Hudsonville, Ill., June 27, 1854, was elected Justice of the Peace and began to read law, was admitted to the bar in 1859. He was president of the Illinois State Bar Association in 1889 and a member of the 29th, 37th, 38th General Assemblies of Illinois. He was delegate to the General Conference of the M. E. church in 1872, was a member of the first State Board of Equalization. As presidential elector he voted for Presidents Garfield and Harrison. He was a charter member of the Republican party and participated actively in the political contest which resulted in the election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency. He has favored all public improvements in county, state and nation, has been a practical and successful farmer. His residence is Robinson, Illinois. McKendree College conferred on him the degree of L. L. D.

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George Callahan was born in the State of Maryland on the 27th day of December, 1765, and was married to Mary Wells at Uniontown, Pa., in the year 1792. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. After the war he became a Methodist preacher, and while traveling the Ohio circuit in Virginia, crossed the river and in September, 1787, at Fort Carpenter, preached the first sermon preached by any Methodist in the



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Northwestern Territory. In a contribution to the Western Historical Society in 1839, he gives the incident in the following words:

“A number of families, called squatters, had settled over the Ohio river in what was called Indian territory, and for protection had built a block house on the bank of the river which was then known by the name of Carpenter’s Station. The frontier had been for some time without alarm. In 1787 the Indians paid them a visit and killed part of the family of a Mr. McCoy. Some of the family fled to the Block House where all of the families were collected for safety. In about four days after, one of the circuit preachers (himself) preached at the house of Reason Pumphrey in Beach Bottom, about a mile and a half from the above named station. Eight or ten persons from the station attended the meeting. After the service was ended these persons in a very pressing manner solicited the young man to come that afternoon and preach for them at the Station. A council was held on the subject, and it was deemed by the majority unsafe to go. The preacher said: ‘Return and make such arrangements as you can, and if Providence permits I will visit you at four o’clock.’ A number were already collected, and some of the forenoon congregation were also in attendance. The chapel was a ball alley, and the walls were composed of fifteen or twenty hardy backwoodsmen, armed with rifles, tomahawks and scalping knives, who surrounded the assembly as protectors. After the service was ended a pressing invitation was given to visit them again, with which he cheerfully complied during his stay, which was about four months. A number of persons applied for admission into the society across the river. This, so far as I know, may be regarded as the first introduction of Methodism into the Indian country, now the flourishing State of Ohio.”

In the year 1809 he moved to Licking County, Ohio, and died January 25, 1839. To the end of life he was an active and efficient local preacher of the M. E. church.

John Callahan, son of George Callahan, was born Nov. 24, 1801, and was married to Margaret Brown, daughter of Nicholas Brown and Sarah Brown, nee Whitaker, on the 24th day of May, 1824, in Licking County, Ohio, and died near Robinson,



MARGARET CALLAHAN

Ill., in the year 1883. Margaret Callahan, nee Brown, was born at Bowling Green, Kentucky, August 30, 1805, and died near Robinson, Ill., January 16, 1892.

George Callahan, son of John and Margaret Callahan, was born in Licking County, Ohio, May 17, 1826. Married Elizabeth Grover at Lancaster, Ohio on the 22nd day of July 1847, and died at Sullivan, Indiana, December 15, 1894.

Almira Jane, daughter of George and Elizabeth Callahan, was born at Newark, Ohio, August 7, 1847, and married Edmond Liston in Vigo County, Indiana, October 30, 1864.

The children and descendants of children of Almira Jane and Edmond Liston are Lizzie Emma, born February 10, 1866, at Farmersburg, Indiana. Married to Leonard F. Eaton, Sept. 27, 1891. Address, McLean, Virginia.

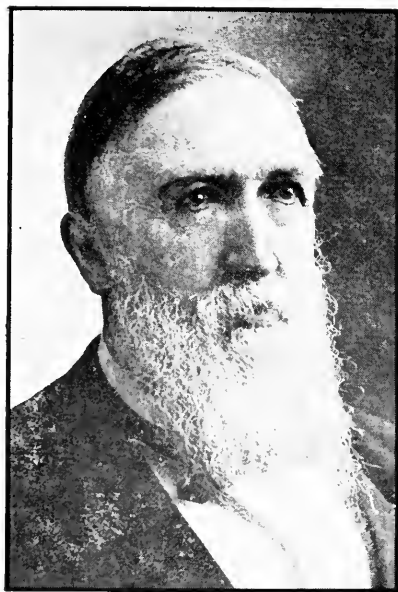
Harry Finlay Liston, born December 18, 1868. Married to Florence Nixon, July 14, 1897 at Phoenix, Arizona. Address, Tacoma, Oregon. Eva Alena Liston, born October 30, 1871, at Farmersburg, Indiana. Married to Charles W. Kelley, July 3, 1893, and died July 23, 1902, at Boone, Iowa. Bertha Luella Liston, born January 8, 1877, at Shelburn, Indiana. Address, McLean, Virginia.

John Wesley Callahan, son of George and Elizabeth Callahan was born August 20, 1852, and was married to Ella May Davis, July 4, 1876. The children and descendants of John Wesley and Ella May Callahan are: Ethelbert Callahan, born September 28, 1880, and married to Gertrude Dolan, January 28, 1905, at Pontiac, Illinois.

Charles Wesley Callahan, son of John Wesley Callahan, was born October 15, 1882, at Madison, Wisconsin, and was married to Bessie Gray Leonard, November 10, 1904, at Plymouth, Indiana. Their son Leonard Davis Callahan was born March 9, 1908. Address, 978 Broadway, Denver, Colorado.

Emma Almeda Callahan, daughter of George and Elizabeth Callahan, was born October 8, 1856, and was married to Edward Burton, December 20, 1892, at Sullivan, Indiana.

The children of Emma Almeda and Edward Burton are: Lawrence Elmer, born Nov. 20, 1894; Mary Florence, born Oct. 21, 1902, and John Callahan Burton, Oct. 23, 1906. Address, Sullivan, Ind.



ETHELBERT CALLAHAN

Nicholas Callahan, son of John and Margaret Brown Callahan, was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 11, 1827, and was married to Eliza Jane Scott in Cumberland County, Illinois, in 1858, and died at Montrose, Illinois, in 1875. He was a soldier in the 123rd Regiment of Illinois Volunteers.

Josepha, daughter of Nicholas and Eliza Jane Callahan, was born October 17, 1856, and was married to Sylvester Butler, January 20, 1881. The children of Josepha and Sylvester Butler are: Ollo May, born January 19, 1883, and married to David Stockinger, January 13, 1898. Their children are Everett Louis, Thomas Ellsworth, Ira Edwin and Frederick Stockinger. Address, Alicia, Arkansas. Janie Elizabeth Butler, born September 16, 1885, and married to James A. Bobbet, Oct. 18, 1904. Their children are Ethelberta May, Leah Josephine and Rachel Mary. Everett Ellsworth Butler born October 7, 1884; Wesley Sylvanus Butler, born December 28, 1886; Paul Erastus Butler, born September 5, 1890; Ora Lillian Butler, born May 10, 1893. Address, Alicia, Arkansas.

John R. Callahan, son of Nicholas and Eliza Jane Callahan, was born August 31, 1860, and was married to Maria Adams who died July 8, 1895. Married to Mrs. Mary Evringham, July 23, 1895. Address, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

James U. Callahan, son of Nicholas Callahan, was born in Cumberland County, Ill., Dec. 22, 1866, and was married to Rosie Lee Marshall, July 12, 1887. His children are: Clarence, born July 26, 1888; Lillie, born Aug. 3, 1891; Eva, born Feb. 23, 1893; Thomas, born July 15, 1895; Cora, born Sept. 3, 1897; Louie, born Aug. 4, 1899; Frederick, born Feb. 9, 1902; David, born March 21, 1904; James, born Jan. 5, 1908. Address, Hutsonville, Illinois.

Ethelbert, son of John and Margaret Callahan, was born Dec. 17, 1829, in Licking County, Ohio, and was married to Mrs. Mary Jones, July 27, 1854, at Hutsonville, Illinois. His only child is Mrs. Mary C. Mercer, born April 8, 1861, and married to Lawrence Grant Mercer, September 22, 1897. Address, Robinson, Ill.

Sarah M. Callahan, daughter of John and Margaret Callahan, was born January 2, 1832, in Licking County, Ohio, and

was married to Charles A. Gordon in Cumberland County, Ill., Sept. 2, 1852. He died January 4, 1911.

Theodore C. Gordon, son of Sarah M. and Charles A. Gordon, was born Sept. 8, 185—, and was married to Kate Albin. The children of Theodore C. Gordon are: Arthur, born March 27, 1879; John, born July 1, 1883; Lola M., born March 7, 1881; Della Ethel, born March 30, 1893, and died Feb. 24, 1905; Sarah Edith, born August 14, 1899.

Ida Gordon, daughter of Sarah M. and Charles A. Gordon, was born June 22, 1858, and married to Everett C. Trimble, Sept. 29, 1880. Their children are: Blanche, born Oct. 3, 1882, and married to Howard Craig, Aug. 1, 1904. Their children are: Gordon Trimble Craig, Virginia Kathryn Craig and Marion Dunlap Craig. Hugh Gordon Trimble, born Feb. 14, 1884, Ralph Vernon Trimble, born April 6, 1886; Charles Baird Trimble, born Dec. 26, 1887; Ellen Trimble, born Nov. 29, 1889, and Guy Lloyd Trimble, born Sept. 8, 1891.

John Otho Gordon, son of Sarah M. Gordon, was born Aug. 5, 1860, and was married to Mary Bebout, May 12, 1891, and died Sept. 25, 1905. His children are: Glenn, Dale and June Gordon. Address, Robinson, Ill.

Irin La Rue Gordon was born June 27, 1862, and was married to Louise Russell, Oct. 8, 1889. His children are Ethelbert Callahan, born Aug. 18, 1890, and Charles Russel, born June 13, 1897. Address, Robinson, Ill.

Clarence Lynn Gordon, son of Sarah M. Gordon, was born Nov. 25, 1863, and was married to May Holt in 1887. His only child is Dolly, born May 11, 1883. Address, Mattison, Colorado.

George Ethelbert Gordon was born June 6, 1868, married to Rowena James, and their child is Kyle Gordon. Address, Mattison, Colorado.

Elizabeth, daughter of John and Margaret Callahan, was born in Licking County, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1834, married to James A. Hart, at Greenup, Ill., June 13, 1855. Her children and descendants of children are: Mary, born Feb. 5, 1858, and died Dec. 1, 1896, leaving Elizabeth Hasket, her only child. Address, Dallas, South Dakota.

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Bertha, daughter of Elizabeth and James A. Hart, was



born Feb. 4, 1860, married James Kimry, Oct. 13, 1881, died Nov. 3, 1894, leaving Hubert L., Robert and Lelia, her only children. Address, Neoga, Ill.

Margaret, daughter of Elizabeth and James A. Hart, was born July 27, 1864, married to Joseph L. Albin, Nov. 23, 1887, died July 14, 1892, leaving James Stanley Albin, her only child.

James H. Callahan, son of John and Margaret Callahan, was born March 4, 1836, married to Sarah Caldwell, Feb. 26, 1860. Died July 20, 1908, leaving William R. Callahan, who married Harriet Williams at Greencastle, Ind. The children of William R. Callahan are: Thomas J., born Nov. 17, 1890, and Albert, born June 8, 1901, at Greencastle, Ind.

Ethelbert, son of James H. Callahan, was born in 1864, married to Anna Scott, Dec. 26, 1889, and died March 10, 1910. The only child of Ethelbert is Harry E., born June 26, 1892, at Bainbridge, Ind.

Lizzie Lu, daughter of James H. Callahan, was born Aug. 28, 1874 and is unmarried. She lives at Bainbridge, Ind.

Rufus F. Callahan, son of John and Margaret Callahan, was born in Ohio, March 25, 1838, married to Sarepta Bright in Cumberland County, Ill., Dec. 31, 1861. His children and descendants are: Edwin B., born March 8, 1863, married to Netta Wisner, March 28, 1891, and their children are: Earl L., born March 8, 1892; Lawrence E., born July 19, 1897, and Emma E., born July 23, 1903, Jewett, Illinois. Charles H., son of Rufus F., born Aug. 12, 1865, married to Anna Flood, April 9, 1887. The children and descendants of Charles H., are: Nellie, born May 30, 1890; Harry, born April 9, 1892; Maggie, born March 17, 1894; Fred R., born May 10, 1896; Stanley, born Jan. 28, 1896; Winnie, born Oct. 16, 1902; Lora E., born Oct. 16, 1904; Charles H. Jr., born Oct. 12, 1905; Thomas J., born Nov. 22, 1907, Woodbury, Ill. Robert, son of Rufus F., born Nov. 17, 1871, married to Minnie Glasner, May 31, 1893. The children of Robert H., are: Winnie, born March 25, 1894; Hetta, born March 4, 1896; Ethel May, born Nov. 2, 1898; Nancy T., born Sept. 29, 1901, and Fairy Eva, born Sept. 26, 1906, Jewett, Ill. Etta, daughter of Rufus F., was born Dec. 9, 1877, and married to W. C. Park. The children of Etta Park are: Mona E., born June 24, 1901; Grace F., born June 8, 1902;

Lelia, born Sept. 26, 1904; William R., born June 28, 1906, and Bernice N., born Feb. 1, 1908. R. F. D. No. 3, Jewett, Ill. Lucy, daughter of Rufus F., was born Sept. 12, 1883, married to Otto Willingham, Aug., 1902, and died Feb. 6, 1906, leaving her only child, Dorothy, born Aug. 2, 1903, Greenup, Ill.

Emma L., daughter of John and Margaret Callahan, was born March 22, 1842, near Kirkersville, Ohio, married to Francis M. Wigel at Neoga, Ill., Nov. 3, 1868. Her children and descendants are: Ethel Edna, born June 1, 1871, and married to William C. Boyden, at Elwood, Ind., Feb. 26, 1895. Her children are Emereth William, born Oct. 20, 1896; Margaret, born Sept. 9, 1898; Frederick Lawrence, born Oct. 14, 1893; Herbert Francis, born Nov. 3, 1907.

Margaret, daughter of Emma L., was born Dec. 26, 1874, married to Charles S. Braswell at Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 29, 1905. Her children are: Ethelbert Callahan Braswell, born Nov. 27, 1905; Charles Francis, born July 25, 1907, at Watts, California.

Cora, daughter of Emma L., born April 9, 1878, at Watts, California; Anna Virginia, daughter of Emma L., born Aug. 28, 1882, married to Otho S. King, Memphis, Tenn., June 21, 1905. Her children are: Mary Virginia, born Sept. 22, 1907, and Otho Francis, born Feb. 24, 1910. Watts, Cal.

Margaret, daughter of John and Margaret Callahan, born Aug. 1, 1846, married to John W. Evans, Aug. 21, 1859. R. F. D. No. 2, Greencastle, Ind. Her children and descendants are: George Ellsworth, born Nov. 10, 1861, died Nov. 6, 1878; Arthur L., born Aug. 23, 1863, married to Bettie Lewis, Feb. 15, 1888. One child, Roy Lewis, born June 3, 1890, married to Hazel Hester, Putnamville, Ind. Charles H., son of Margaret Evans, born July 2, 1865, married to Dora Fox, Aug. 21, 1889, Gosport, Ind. Thomas Wooster, son of Margaret Evans, born Jan. 15, 1867, married to Chloe Wells, Nov. 30, 1892. Oliver G., son of Margaret Evans, born Aug. 9, 1868, married to Lillie Wells, Feb. 23, 1890, and to Laura Butler, March 1, 1896. His children are: Clarence, born Feb. 9, 1891; McKinley G., born Oct. 2, 1893; Hallie Hannah, born May 6, 1897; Earl E., born Jan. 5, 1897; Harry O., born Nov. 19, 1901; Helen, born July 13, 1904, and Leonard F., born April 3, 1907. New

Lebanon, Ind. John Frederick, son of Margaret Evans, born Feb. 8, 1870, married to Martha Gentry, Dec. 10, 1908. A daughter Norris, born Dec. 17, 1909. R. F. D. No. 4, Robinson, Ill. Mary Hannah, daughter of Margaret Evans, born Feb. 23, 1873, died June 20, 1898. Walter L., son of Margaret Evans, born April 7, 1876, married to Nellie E. Sears, April 12, 1905. One child, Florence Norene, born Dec. 15, 1906. Greencastle, Ind. Alfred C., son of Margaret Evans, born Jan. 28, 1881. Lawyer at Indianapolis, Ind. Homer R., son of Margaret Evans, born July 29, 1883, died May 15, 1906. Herchell B., son of Margaret Evans, born July 29, 1883, married to Ada White, April 10, 1904. Edward E., son of Margaret Evans, was born May 3, 1890. Greencastle, Ind.

Edward Brown, son of Nicholas and Sarah Whitaker Brown, was born in Madison County, Ky., Sept. 29th, 1811. He was married to Elmira Owens about the year 1838, near Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. He lived on the home farm two miles south of Kirkersville two years. About 1840 he moved to the town of Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, and engaged in the mercantile business. After several years he sold the store and bought a farm just north of Lancaster, Ohio. After a few years he sold out and went to Cumberland County, Ill., where he remained until called from labor to rest. He was interred in Brush Creek cemetery, near Siegel, Cumberland County, Ill. His wife, daughter Emma, and his sons, Owen and Nicholas are all buried by his side. To this union were given three children: Owen, Nicholas and Emma Brown.

Owen Brown, son of Edward and Elmira Owen Brown, was born in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, about the year 1839. He moved to Illinois with his father and married a good wife. He was a most excellent citizen, stood for the best of everything social and moral. To this union were given: Wilson Brown, at Siegel, Ill.; Mrs. Jasper Lacy, at Neoga, Ill.; Mrs. Clara Spear, at Siegel, Ill.; Sherman Brown, at Toledo, Ill.

Nicholas Brown, son of Edward and Elmira O. Brown, was born in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, and went west with his parents to Cumberland County, Ill. He enlisted in the Union army, war of 1861-'65, and served faithfully until discharged. Was married to one of the fair ladies of Siegel, Ill.,



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and to them were given: James, William, George and Raymond, all of whom reside near Neoga, Ill. No further information given of this family.

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## DESCENDANTS OF NICHOLAS BROWN AND SARAH WHITAKER BROWN.

Sally Brown was born April 11, 1814, in Licking County, Ohio. She married Rev. John Glaze, who was born in Licking County, Ohio. He was a traveling minister of the M. E. church and attached to the Southern Illinois Conference. In the year 1830 they were married, and to this union were born 10 children, all of whom lived to old age.

Sally, who married Bruce Moody, was born in 1831, and was the mother of nine children, eight of whom are living. She has 19 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She died some years since in Crawford County, Ill.

Margaret, who married Emanuel Beaver, was born in 1834. She was the mother of eight children, six of whom are living, and she has 10 grandchildren. She died some years since in Crawford County, Ill.

Henry Glaze was born in 1837, and has been married twice. His first wife was Mary Webb, and his second wife Eliza Stall. He had six children by his first wife; by his second wife, two, both dead. He was a colonel in the 63rd Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, having been promoted from captain for gallant service. He resides in San Francisco, Cal., and is in the government employ. He is an all round good man.

Nicholas Glaze was born in 1839. He married Mary A. Pitser. To this union there are no children, but they have an adopted daughter. He served through the Civil War in the 38th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, passing through the various grades from private to first lieutenant. His regiment was one of the fighting regiments, and his company was nearly extinct at the close of war. He resides in Los Angeles, California. Their adopted daughter, Catherine, married James Palmeter, born in 1841, and was the mother of four children,



SALLY BROWN-GLAZE

one of whom is living. She had four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She died in Crawford County, Ill.

Rollin B. Glaze, born in 1843, married Lillian Ostrander, and has three children and two grandchildren. Was a soldier in the Civil War, and served in Co. A, 63rd Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and resides in Pueblo, Colorado.

Elizabeth married Aaron Songer. She was born in 1845, and is the mother of eight children and seven grandchildren. She resides at Lincoln, Kansas.

Spencer Glaze, born in 1847, married Hannah Bierly. To this marriage were born three children, one dead, and two grandchildren. He also did service for the Union in 1861-'65. Was enlisted twice. He lives in Los Angeles, California.

Caroline Glaze was born in 1850, and married Daniel Glaze, a distant relative. She is the mother of four children and one grandchild. She lives in Denver, Colorado, and is a great church worker.

Eliza Smothers was born in 1853, and married John Smothers. They had six children and four grandchildren.

The parents of those ten families are among the pioneers of the great west. John and Sally Glaze gave their lives to the cause of Christianity and raised their 10 children on the meager income of a circuit preacher, and their descendants are proud of their record.

This family record was furnished by Nicholas Glaze, of Los Angeles, Cal.

Colonel Henry Glaze, son of Rev. John and Sally Glaze, was born in Licking County, Ohio, March 1, 1837, the family moving to Crawford County, Illinois, in 1847. Until his arrival at early manhood he remained on the farm. His education was acquired by alternately teaching school and attending college at Lebanon, Illinois. He was licensed to preach in 1854, and joined the Southern Illinois Conference of the M. E. church. At the end of his first year in the ministry he was sent to the Blairsville circuit in the southern part of the state.

The following sketch of his experience during and since the Civil War is from his own pen:

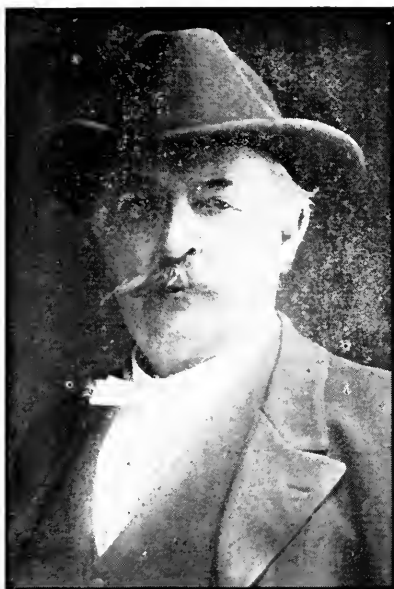
"I was one of the 26 men who voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, out of the 2364 votes that were cast in my county.



COL. HENRY GLAZE  
At the age of 24



Many of the Southern states seceded from the Union soon after Lincoln's election, and as nearly all the citizens of our county were from the Southern states, the sympathies of the people were with the South. I lived three miles from Marion, the county seat, and we were 18 miles from the railroad. Our mail was tri-weekly, and was brought from the railroad by stage. I was at the postoffice the day the news came of the attack on Fort Sumter. The district judge got the dispatch and read it to the crowd. The prosecuting attorney turned to me and said: 'You Republican S. of a B.' My reply was to knock him down. The judge interfered and stopped the row. I went home and a few hours after a note was brought to me telling me that the war had started, and as the sentiment was all against me, that I must leave and that I would have three days to get away. I sent a note back that I was an American citizen and had a right to live in that part of the United States. My father was on a circuit, 130 miles north. I wrote to him and told him I would either have to run or fight; that I had nothing to fight with. He sent me a Colt's revolver and told me to stay. I tried to get my wife to take the baby and go back home. She approved my staying, but said she would stay with me. From that time until September, when my year was out, I met mobs at every appointment, and every time I went to town. One Sunday I was mobbed three times. At one place the house was filled with men, not one woman being there. I took my revolver in my hand and went into the pulpit. I commenced to preach and told them that the present rebellion had a parallel in the rebellion in heaven, when the devil revolted against the authority of God; but as the devil and his hosts were overthrown and cast into hell, so Jeff Davis and his followers would be. The whole crowd rushed out of doors and went across the road to my horse. I went to the door and told them they were a set of cowards, that I was going straight to my horse, and if any of them remained before me until I got within three feet, I would shoot. I went straight to my horse, with my pistol in my hand, and was not prevented. That night I preached to another mob within half a mile of a camp of rebel soldiers. As I went home I was fired at from behind a tree. I had been going to town three times a week for my mail.



COL. HENRY GLAZE

*At the Age of 74*

I was always surrounded by a mob. Two full companies had already gone into the rebel army, and one man had gone into the Union army. But my most serious trouble was to come. I had frequently been warned not to go to town, but I continued to go. One day I had left my horse and buggy and gone to the postoffice. A stranger wanted me to walk out with him the back way, but I refused. He told me that between me and my horse a mob had collected and that I would be killed if I attempted to go where he was. I went to my horse and saw nothing suspicious, but just as I reached him some one called my name behind me, and as I turned a shot was fired, just missing my head. The man who fired the shot was only a few paces from me. At his second effort the pistol failed to go off. By that time I had my pistol out and as I raised it, he jumped behind a board fence. I fired, but missed him and hit another man who was running up with a pistol in his hand. He ran away. The man who was firing at me was on the ground behind the fence. I was standing on the street firing through the fence, at the first man who emptied his pistol at me. The second shot struck me in the side. I was not much hurt and continued firing until his pistol was exhausted. I had one shot still left. He called out for the crowd to go for me and a large number of men, who were concealed in a barn across the street rushed out. I backed a few steps to the fence and holding my pistol, kept them at bay. Finally a deputy sheriff rushed up and demanded my pistol. I told him that others had pistols and that I had been attacked first, and to have the others put up their pistols. He did so, and I let the hammer down on the cap of my only remaining load. Instantly I was attacked by a man with a half of a brick in his hand. I jerked out my pistol and warded off the brick, and at the same time my hand with the pistol was seized by the sheriff and my pistol wrenched from my hand and snapped in my face. I knocked the man down who had struck at me with a brick; and just then an old school mate rushed up with a pistol in his hand, demanding that they let me alone. The crowd scattered, and, thinking the trouble was over, I commenced to untie my horse, when a man ran up and struck me on the head with his pistol, knocking me down. I sprang to my feet and as two men were

attacking me, knocked one down and the other one ran away. My skull was fractured by the blow of the pistol and blood ran down to my feet. Just then my friend returned and everybody ran away. My friend finding I was struck by one of the bullets, called a doctor, who pronounced me badly hurt. Two other doctors came and finally cut out the pistol ball.

"I then got in my buggy and drove out home.

"The doctors had only covered the cut where they took the bullet out with court plaster, and by the time I got home the blood had soaked it loose. My wife took three stitches in the wound and sewed it up.

"I was not seriously disabled and continued to go to town every other day. The governor of the state heard of it, and sent an officer down to notify them, that if I was further interrupted he would send soldiers to clean up the place. Soon after, Gen. John A. Logan, who lived there, but was in Washington in Congress, came back and concluded to stand by the government. His stand changed the sentiment of the people, although they, including his friends and relatives had all been against the government. I was attacked once afterwards by a man with a knife, but as a rule I was let alone. When my year was up, my next appointment was near my old home, and I shortly went into the army. I helped to raise a company and was assigned to the 63rd Illinois Infantry and commissioned captain. We were attached to the 3rd Brigade of the 3rd Division of the 17th Corps, Army of the Tennessee. Our own corps was commanded by General McPherson, and the Division by General John A. Logan. We were engaged in the capture of Fort Henry, with 4000 prisoners, the capture of Fort Donelson with 9000 prisoners, the siege and capture of Vicksburg and afterwards joined the Army of the Cumberland. After the battle of Chickamauga, the Regiment also took part in the Atlanta campaign and went with General Sherman to the Sea, and were at Washington in the great parade after the war was over.

"I had been promoted to Major and Lieut. Colonel and commanded the Regiment for a long time. After the war I went to Colorado and was twice commissioned Captain and once Major by the governor in campaigns against Indians. Afterward I went to Texas and occupied the position of deputy

collector in the revenue department. For twenty years have been a resident of California. For several years I was in the employ of the state. For five years I have lived in San Francisco, was present at the great earthquake and fire, when my house and all my goods were burned up. I have five sons and one daughter, all married."

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Col. Richard Brown, son of George and Nancy Stevenson Brown, was born in 1740, he married the widow of one William M. Holmes, (Honor Wells Holmes.) To them were given three children: Rachel, Richard and Margaret. Col. Richard Brown was at first a captain in 1st Battalion of Col. Miles' Regiment, Penn. Rifles, recruited in Bedford County, Penn., April 15th, 1776. See Record Penn. Library, Book One, Second Series, Penn. Archives. His wife's first husband was one William M. Holmes, who was also an Englishman and came to America about 1720, as did James Wells. He married Honor Wells, daughter of said James Wells, and to this first marriage of Honor Wells Holmes Brown were given Leonorah, William, James, Sarah, Elizabeth, Thomas and Alexander. Holmes died in 1758, and then she married Col. Richard Brown as aforesaid. How long he was in the war for Independence is not known. After the war he settled at Holliday's Cove, Brook County, West Va., and died in 1811, March 28th. The Browns were all members of the Episcopal church.

Nancy Brown, daughter of George and Nancy Stevenson Brown, married Richard Wells, the third son of James Wells, the Englishman, and was therefore a sister-in-law to her brother, Col. Richard Brown. To this union were given: Richard, Jr., Alexander, George, Mary, General James, who was a general in the Revolutionary War; Patience, Thomas, John and two other girls whose names are lost.

George, son of Richard and Nancy Brown Wells, moved to Licking County, Ohio, about the year 1802, and settled in Union Township, a half mile north of Luray. He married Elizabeth Holmes, daughter of William and Honor (Wells) (Holmes) Brown. On their farm was built the first Methodist Episcopal church in Union Township, Licking County, Ohio, which was built in 1813, and was known as George's Chapel. It was re-

placed with a brick church in 1833. To this union were given: Joseph, George, Richard, Elizabeth, Honor and Naney.

Elizabeth Wells, daughter of aforesaid George and Elizabeth Holmes Wells, married James Holmes, Jr.

On this George Wells farm is located a cemetery, also known as George's Chapel cemetery. In this cemetery repose the mortal remains of George Wells and wife, his brother-in-law, Capt. James Holmes, Sr., and wife, Thomas Holmes and wife, George Wells, Jr., and wife; also James Holmes Jr. and his daughter lie in a vault nearby. George Wells, Sr., with his brothers and sisters were first cousins of the family of Edward Brown, son of George Brown; also General James Wells, brother of George Wells, Sr., married Rachel Brown, daughter of Col. Richard Brown. In this connection I wish to refer to the history of the Wells family as written by Miss M. J. Roe. She states that Capt. Oliver Brown, one of the Boston Tea Party, was one of Joshua Brown's sons of the George and Nancy Stevenson Brown family. The records fully establish the fact that the Browns, Wells and Holmes families were thorough-blooded patriots in the war for Independence.

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Thomas Whitaker was a soldier in the war for Independence. He enlisted in Capt. James Gibson's company, 4th Battalion, Cumberland County Militia, in the year 1777, of which James Wilson was Colonel. See records of State of Pennsylvania. Luther R. Kelker, custodian. Some time prior to 1777, they had lived at or near Hagerstown, Md. About 1782 or 1783, Thomas Whitaker located at or near Burgetstown, Washington County, Penn., where they resided for a period of perhaps twenty years. His children were as follows: Naney Ann, born 1760, married Jas. Holmes; Samuel, born 1762, never married; Mary, born 1765, married Mr. Hull; Elizabeth, born 1767, married Mr. Chamberlain; Sarah, born, 1768, married Nicholas Brown; Rachel, born 1769, married Solomon Perrin; Eli, born 1770, married Mary Cherry; Catherine, born 1772, married James Comly; Dacon, born 1775, married Rachel Rogers; Esther, born 1777, married William Murphy.

About the year 1802 the families of James Holmes, Eli Whitaker, William Murphy, Sol. Perrin, Chamberlain and Hull

moved near Millersport, Ohio. Chamberlain, Hull and Sol Perin soon after migrated farther west, and we know nothing of them further. The others located on the south side of Buckeye Lake, east of Millersport in Fairfield County, Ohio. About the year 1814, Nicholas Brown moved to this locality from Kentucky. Now for the information of those who care to know, I will give the names of those families, all of whom were cousins. The children of James and Nancy Ann Holmes were: Alexander, Thomas, William, Richard, James, Jr., Sarah, Joseph, Samuel, Joshua, Eli, Rowland, Nancy, Reason, Bezaleel and Lemuel.

Eli and Mary Whitaker's children were: Elizabeth, Jane, Marie, Thomas, Katharine, John C., Dacon, Lavina, Lydia and Mary. William and Esther Murphey's children were: William Jr., Balinda, Basil, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. White. Mrs. White and husband resided at Gettysburg, Penn., during that battle, July 1 to 3, 1863.

Dacon Whitaker and Rachel Roger Whitaker's children were: Josias R., and Eli.

Nicholas and Sarah Whitaker Brown's children were: Basil, born April 25, 1793; Thomas, born May 21, 1795; Nancy, born July 16, 1796; Catherine, born Jan. 3, 1799; Asa, born June 4, 1801; Betsy, born July 20, 1803; Resin, born June 16, 1805; Peggy, born Aug. 30, 1808; Edward, born Sept. 29, 1811; Sally, born April 11, 1814.

These are the names and dates as recorded in the family Bible of Nicholas and Sarah Brown, and completes the list of the Whitakers who settled about Buckeye Lake from 1802 to 1814.

## The Comly Family

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Henry and Joan Comly, with their son Henry, came to Pennsylvania with William Penn in 1682. A family tradition says that Henry Comly had a brother Walter in England, who possessed a valuable estate, but had no children. It is also said that a person by the name of John Comly came to Pennsylvania from Bristol, England, and that he was a soldier in Braddock's army, but we have no further account of him. We therefore conclude that Henry and Joan Comly were the first of that name who came to America, and that all of the now very extended family of Comlys are descendants from them. They came from Bedminster, near Bristol, England, and were members of the Society of Friends. Persons by the name of Comly are frequently mentioned in the history of the persecutions of Friends in England, as having suffered imprisonment "for attending religious meetings and refusing to swear." Henry Comly was a weaver by trade, and settled in Warminster, Bucks County, on a tract of 500 acres. In the records of Middletown Meeting, then called "Neshaminah," we find that "Henry Comly was buried ye 14th day of ye 3d mo., 1684." On the 2d day of the 12th mo. of the same year, 1684, at a Monthly Meeting of Friends of Tacony and Poetquessink, held at John Hart's house, Joseph English requested a certificate to take Joan Comly, of the County of Bucks, and John Hart was ordered to write and sign it on behalf of the Meeting."

Joseph and Joan, after having published their intentions of marriage at two successive meetings, "held at Neshaminah Creek, and none appearing to object," were married "at a Public meeting held at John Otter's, in the presence of twelve witnesses, one of them being a Justice of the Peace," on



the 26th day of ye 2d mo., 1685. The witnesses were Mary Eastman, John Otter, Edward Bennit, Robert Hall, John Boyden, Margaret Boyden, Naomi Allen, Henry English, James Spencer, Elizabeth Otter, Rebekah Bennet, John Hust, Elizabeth Lundy, and Robert Rowe.

Joseph English died Aug. 10, 1686, and his widow, Joan, "was buried at the meeting-house at Neshaminah, Oct. 20, 1689." Thus we find that within seven years after the arrival of this family in Pennsylvania, the father, mother, and step-father of young Henry died, so that Friends were concerned "to extend to him, while yet in his minority, their care and assistance."

Henry, son of Henry and Joan Comly, married Agnes, daughter of Robert and Alice Heaton, Aug. 17, 1695. Agnes was born Dec. 9th, 1677.

The following is a copy of their marriage certificate:

"Whereas, Henry Comly and Agnes Heaton, both of ye County of Bucks and Province of Pennsylvania, having declared their intentions to taking each other as husband and wife before several publick meetings of ye people of God, called Quakers, according to ye good order used among them; whose proceedings therein, after deliberate consideration thereof, and consent of parties and relations concerned being approved by ye said meetings, and publication thereof having been made according to ye law of this province:

"Now, these are to certifie all whom it may concern yt for ye full determination of their said intentions, this seventeenth day of ye eighth month, in ye year one thousand six hundred and ninety and five, they ye said Henry Comly and Agnes Heaton, appeared in a publick and solemn assemblie of ye aforesaid people at ye publick meeting-house of Friends in Middletown, near Neshaminah, in ye county and province aforesaid, met together for that end and purpose, according to the example of ye holy men of God recorded in ye Scriptures of Truth—he, the said Henry Comly, taking ye said Agnes Heaton by ye hand, did openly declare as follows: 'Friends, in ye presence of ye Lord I desire you to bear me witness, I take Agnes Heaton to be my wife, promising to be to her a loving and faithful husband till it please ye Lord by death to separate

us.' And then and there in ye said assemblie, ye said Agnes Heaton did, in like manner, declare as followeth: 'Friends, in ye presence of ye Lerd, and before you his people, I take my friend Henry Comly to be my husband, promising to be a loving and faithful wife till ye Lord by death do separate us.'

"And ye said Henry Comly and Agnes, now his wife, as a further confirmation thereof, did then and there to these presents set their hands.

"HENRY COMLY.

"AGNES COMLY.

"And we, whose names are hereunto subscribed as witnesses thereto, have also to these P'snts subscribed our hands ye day and year above written:

"Robert (X) Heaton, Sr.,	Will Hayhurst,
Jonathan Scaife,	John Cutler
Ezra Croasdill,	Peter White,
James Paxson,	Peter Worrell,
Thomas Stackhouse, Sr.,	Jane Paxson,
William Paxson, Sr.,	Mary Paxson, Sr.,
Nicholas Walln,	Isabel Cutler,
Henry Paynter,	John Cutler,
William Paxson, Jr.,	Rachel Bunting,
Martin Wildman,	Sarah Wilson,
Will Darke,	Mary Coat,
John Croasdill,	Jane Sands,
Stephen Wilson,	Rachel Pownall,
John Scarborough,	Abigail Pownall,
John Bunting,	Elizabeth White,
John Cowgill,	Hannah Hough,
John Hough,	Mary Paxson."
John Darke,	

On the 11th of September, 1697, Robert Heaton deeded 300 acres of his estate in the Manor of Moreland to his son-in-law, Henry Comly, for the consideration of £72 15s. This place was called Green Brier Spring, and became the residence of Henry Comly, in whose family it has since continued.

In the old family Bible brought from England by the first Henry Comly, and now in the possession of Willet A. Comly,

we find the following record of the children of Henry and Agnes Comly; Mary Comly, born Dec. 12th, 1699; Henry Comly, born Feb. 26th, 1702; Robert Comly, born April 12th, 1704; John Comly, born March 20th, 1706; Joseph Comly, born August 8, 1708; Walter Comly, born November 12, 1710; Agnes Comly, born February 20, 1713; James Comly, born June 14, 1715; Isaac Comly, born June 4, 1717; Grace Comly, born Jan. 24, 1721.

Henry Comly was very active both in civil and religious matters, and his name frequently appears on the records of the Meeting and in the civil affairs of the neighborhood. He died 1st mo. (March) 16th, 1727, aged 53 years. His will was dated March (1st mo.) 13th, 1727, and by it he gave his farm of 292 acres in Warminster to his sons Robert and James. The Moreland estate was divided among Henry, Joseph and Walter, and the farm adjoining, now owned by Benjamin Tomlinson, was left to John. His personal property was appraised 2d mo. 13th, 1727, by Bartholomew Longstreet and Joseph Gilbert, and in it we find the following items: "A negro girl, £20; a negro boy, £30."

Agnes (Heaton) Comly was "a woman of small stature, possessed of a good stock of common sense, and quite active even in advanced life, so that she could perform the duties of her household or ride on horseback with nearly as much ease as in her youthful days." She died 10th mo. (December) 30th, 1743, aged 66 years. Her will is dated 20th of December (10th mo.), 1743. In the appraisement of her property we find: "One negro, Phillis, £28; a negro boy, Wallis, £14."

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#### DESCENDANTS OF MARY, DAUGHTER OF HENRY AND AGNES COMLY,

Mary Comly married, first Thomas Harding and settled near the Buck, in Bucks County. Children: Mary, Thomas, Henry, John, Abraham and Isaac. She married, second, George Randall, in 1745. Children: Jacob, George Sarah, and Elizabeth.

## ISAAC AND MARY STACKHOUSE'S CHILDREN.

Mary, daughter of (1) Mary, married Isaac Stackhouse, of Middletown, in 1743. She died 3d mo. 4th, 1782. Children: Thomas, Jonathan, John, Isaac, Ann, and Martha.

Thomas, married Hannah White. Children: Thomas, Isaac, Mary, and Ann.

Jonathan, married Grace, daughter of Stephen Comfort.

John, married Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Knight, in 1781.

Isaac, married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Townsend, in 1782.

Ann married John Gilbert, in 1768; died January, 1839.

Martha, died single, 3d mo. 4th, 1782.

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## DESCENDANTS OF HENRY AND AGNES COMLY.

Henry Comly, married Phebe, daughter of Joseph Gilbert, of Byberry, 7th mo. 26th, 1728, and settled on the old homestead in Moreland. He died 9th mo. 21st, 1772, aged 71 years, and Phebe died 2d mo. 14th, 1773, aged 72 years. Children: Mary, Rachel, Henry, Phebe, Joseph, Jonathan and Joshua (twins), and Rebeeca.

Mary born 7th mo. 23d, 1730; died 5th mo. 8th, 1750.

Rachel, born 10th mo. 25th, 1732; died single, 8th mo. 6th, 1797.

Henry, born 3d mo. 7th, 1734, married Rachel Strickland. Children: Jonathan, Mary (who died in infancy), Phebe, Mary, Rachel and Sarah.

Phebe, born 2d mo. 15th, 1737, married John Swift, in 1764. She had one son, Edward, who died of typhus fever 12th mo. 28th, 1813, leaving a widow and several children. Phebe died 1st mo. 2d, 1814, aged nearly 76 years.

Joseph, born 3d mo. 10th, 1740, married Eleanor Buzby. In the Revolutionary War he joined the British, and in consequence, had to leave the neighborhood. He went to Long Island, where he died at Thomas Hallet's house, 8th mo. 10th, 1788. It is believed that his estate was confiscated. Children: Jesse, and Henry and Jacob (twins).

Jonathan, born 1st mo. 25th, 1741 married Rachel, daughter of Jonathan Thomas in 1767. They first settled on property now owned by Benjamin Tomlinson, but in 1788 went to Philadelphia. In 1795 they returned to the farm in Moreland, where Rachel died 4th mo. 18th, 1804. Children: Thomas, Grace, Henry (all of whom probably died young), Jonathan, Joshua, and Elizabeth.

Joshua, born 1st mo. 25th, 1741, married Catharine, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Willet, in 1766. He was very useful in the affairs of the neighborhood, and was for many years a Justice of the Peace, in which position his correct judgment and honesty of purpose gained him many friends. He died 4th mo. 20th, 1830, aged 89 years; and Catharine, his wife, died 7th mo. 30th, 1826, aged 76 years. Children: Rebecca, Elizabeth, Mary, Phebe, Hannah, Margaret, Joshua and Samuel (twins), Elizabeth, James, Willet, and Franklin.

Rebecca, born 8th mo. 6th, 1746; no further account.

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#### HENRY AND PHEBE COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Jonathan, was born 12th mo. 3d, 1756. He was thrown from his horse while a young man, by which his faculties were injured. He remained single, and died at his uncle Joshua Comly's house 9th mo. 26th, 1822.

Phebe, born 12th mo. 10th, 1758, married Robert Field. Children: Benjamin and Levi.

Mary, born 1st mo. 26th, 1761, married Humphrey Waterman. She died 8th mo. 27th, 1817, leaving one son, Gilbert.

Rachel, born 11th mo. 29th, 1766, married Eli Shoemaker. She was an authoress, and contributed several poetical essays to the "Saturday Evening Post," over the signature of "Ellen." A volume of her essays, called "The Minstrel's Lyre," was published in Philadelphia in 1827.

Sarah, born 8th mo. 17th, 1768, married James Cooper, uncle of James Fenimore Cooper, in 1792. They removed to the northern part of the State of New York. She died in 1827, aged 59 years. Children: Courtland, Comly, William, James, Henry, Sarah Ann, Hamilton, George, and Strickland.

## JOSEPH AND ELEANOR COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Jesse, married Taey Buzby and settled on a part of the old Comly tract in Moreland, where he died 11th mo. 18, 1832. Children: William B., Eleanor, Courtland, Benjamin, Mary Ann, Jackson P., and Robert.

Henry, married Rebecca, daughter of General Worrell, of Frankford. He died 5th mo. 17th, 1822. Children: James, Elizabeth, Isaac, Eleanor, and Joseph H.

Jacob, left no children.

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## JONATHAN AND RACHEL COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Jonathan, married Elizabeth Blakely, and had one son, William. They resided for several years where Benjamin Tomlinson now lives, but afterwards settled in Byberry. He was a man of uprightness and integrity, and was respected by all who knew him. He was remarkably even-tempered, and in his latter days never appeared to be discomposed or irritated. He said that he did not meet with anything worth being angry about. The harmony which existed between him and his twin brother Joshua was such, that for many years, seldom a day passed without their being together. He died 4th mo. 16th, 1826, aged 84 years, and was buried at Byberry.

Joshua, married ———. Children: Jonathan, Thomas, George W., and Harriet.

Elizabeth, married Dr. John Worthington. Children: Rachel, who married Ames Wilson; Robert; Mary Elizabeth, who married Samuel Williams; and Jonathan, who was drowned at Bridgewater.

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## JOSHUA AND CATHARINE COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Rebecca, born 2d mo. 5th, 1767, died 2d mo. 1st, 1768.

Elizabeth, born 12th mo. 28th, 1769; died 6th mo. 21st, 1784.

Mary, born 1st mo. 13th, 1772; died 9th mo. 12th, 1792.

Phebe, born 8th mo. 19th, 1774, married Elijah Thomas.

Of their children, Sarah only remains. She married John Walton, who owns the mill at Huntingdon Valley. Phebe was buried at Abington, 11th mo. 22d, 1843.

Hannah, born 6th mo. 2d, 1777, married Walter Mitchell, of Middletown, in 1799. She was a minister in the Society of Friends, and died in Ohio. Children: Charles, who was a member of Congress: Joshua, James, Walter, Mary, Catharine, and Hannah.

Margaret, born 8th mo. 15th, 1780, married Joseph Ogelby, and settled in Lancaster. Children: Charles, Willet Comly, Joseph, Joshua, Samuel, Franklin, Susan, and Mary.

Joshua and Samuel (twins), were born 11th mo. 28th, 1783. Joshua died the same day. Samuel married Sarah, daughter of Ryner Lukens. He died 8th mo. 2d, 1835, without children.

Elizabeth, born 8th mo. 28th, 1785; died same day.

James, born 10th mo. 23d, 1787, married Eliza Eyre, and first settled at Walton's Mill, on the Pennypack. This he sold in 1831, and bought a farm near the Fox-chase, where he resided until his death, in 1837. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and a Justice of the Peace, and was held in high estimation by those who knew him. Children: Franklin (President of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company), Joshua, Samuel, and Sarah.

Willet, born 1790; died 8th mo. 23d, 1797.

Franklin, born 7th mo. 18th, 1794, married first, Mary Austin, in 1825, and settled on the old Comly homestead in Moreland, where he resided during the remainder of his life. Children: Willet, Ellen, and Anna. Mary died 6th mo. 25th, 1834, and in 1836 Franklin married, second, Martha Downing, of Bristol. He was Prothonotary of the District Court in Philadelphia, and for many years a Justice of the Peace and President of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Few men occupied a more prominent position in the civil and political affairs of the neighborhood, and none were more highly respected for uprightness and integrity than Franklin Comly.

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DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT, SON OF HENRY AND  
AGNES COMLY.

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Robert Comly was born in Byberry, in 1706. He married Jane Cadwalader, the preacher at Horsham, 9th mo., 1727, and settled in Byberry, where he remained until 1730. He then moved to Warminster, and afterwards to Horsham, to a place since owned by Isaac Parry. He was for many years an Overseer in Horsham Meeting, and was a much respected member. He died 3d mo., 1770, aged 64 years. Children: Robert, Agnes, James, Grace, Martha, and Mary.

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ROBERT AND JANE COMLY'S DESCENDANTS.

Robert, born 10th mo., 1729, married Sarah Jones. Children: Ezra, John, Robert, Nathan, Clement, Sarah, Agnes, Jane, Rebecca, Charlotte, Hannah, Susan, and Elizabeth.

Agnes, married Samuel Shoemaker, near the Billet, where they resided 62 years. They were exemplary members of society, and having abundant means, provided for many destitute orphans and others in needy circumstances. Robert died in his 97th year, and Agnes in her 90th year.

Jane, married Nathan Lukens. Children: Lydia, Abraham, Agnes, and Nathan.

Grace, married, first, Isaac Parry, of Horsham. Children: Amy, Isaac, Samuel, Robert, Joseph, and Martha. She married, second, Samuel Conard, of Horsham. She died of cancer at Jesse Wilson's, in Byberry, 7th mo. 22d, 1822, aged 75 years.

Martha, married, first, David Parry. They lived at Fair Hill, and had one child, David. She married, second, John Shoemaker, of Shoemakertown; no children. David married Elizabeth, daughter of Mordecai Thomas, of Horsham, leaving five children.

Mary, married Benjamin Shoemaker, of Cheltenham. She died 3d mo. 17th, 1793. Children: Levi S., Robert, Nathan, Abraham, Benjamin, Amy, Mary, Samuel, Eli, Jane, Jacob, Rebecca, James, and Comly.



## ROBERT AND SARAH COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Ezra, married Hannah Iredell, in 1779, and had sixteen children: Charles, Sarah, Hannah, Robert, Abraham, Gaynor, Ezra, Thomas, Rachel, Rebecca, Tacy, Ann, Iredell, George, Seth, and Martha. Of the descendants of Ezra Comly we know but little. His son Charles was a merchant in Philadelphia, and afterwards moved to Milton, on the Susquehanna, where he died in 1840, leaving the following children: Lucy, Joshua, Charles, Seth, and Aaron. Ezra died at his son Charles's, in 1832, aged 78 years.

John, married Martha Shallcross, and settled on the Bristol Road, near Frankford. Children: Samuel, John W., Robert, Thomas, and Joseph.

Robert, went with the refugees to Nova Scotia, where he died in 1837. Children: Robert, John, and Elizabeth.

Nathan, married, first, Sarah Kirk, 9th mo., 1782, and lived on the Welsh Road, near Horsham. Children: Elizabeth, Sarah, who married John Tyson, Lydia, Agnes, and Jerusha, who married Jesse Tomlinson. He married, second, Elizabeth Marple, 9th mo., 1795. Children: Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Cadwalader; Abner, who married Margaret Hallowell; Lydia, who married Ezekiel Tyson; Hannah; Nathan; John M., who married Mary Ann Tyson; Daniel, who married Catharine Fitzwater; and Joseph, who married Elizabeth Cadwalader.

Clement, married Rebecca Jones. Children: Isaac, Henry, Ann, Keziah, Zebedee, Sarah, Clement, Amos, Joseph, and Alfred.

Sarah, married Isaac Wood.

Agnes, died single.

Jane, married Joseph Ratcliff. Children: John, Robert, Seth, Rodolph, William, Sarah, Rebecca, and Susan.

Rebecca, married Dennis Conard. Children: Martha and George.

Charlotte, married Thomas Ashton. Children: Sarah, Mary, Joseph, and Elizabeth.

Hannah, married, first, John Rush. Children: Elizabeth, Martha, Sarah, Hannah, Louisa, and Mary. She married, second, ——— Ashton.

Susan, married Dr. Van Court, but had no children.

Elizabeth, married Benjamin Griffith, Children: Benjamin, Samuel, and Comly.

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#### NATHAN AND JANE LUKENS' CHILDREN.

Lydia, married Thomas Livezey, of Spring Mills, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Abraham, married, and lived in Philadelphia.

Agnes, married —— Jackson, and lived in Philadelphia.

Nathan, married Matilda Bracken, and lived in Horsham.

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#### ISAAC AND GRACE PARRY'S CHILDREN.

Amy, married Jesse Wilson. Children: Rachel, Elizabeth, Amos, Grace, and Jane.

Samuel, married Martha Thomas, and had one child, Samuel.

Isaac, married and lived in Philadelphia.

Robert, married, first, Sarah Page; second, Sarah Pope.

Joseph, married Sarah, daughter of Solomon Miller. He first settled in Horsham, but afterwards went out West.

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#### BENJAMIN AND MARY SHOEMAKER'S CHILDREN.

Nathan, married Sarah, daughter of Solomon Miller. He was a tanner by trade. They left seven children.

Robert, married Martha Leech, and lived in Philadelphia. He died in early life. Children: Richard M., and two others.

Benjamin, married Jane Allen, of Bucks County, and left four children.

Amy, married Benjamin Harper. She died young, leaving one child.

Mary, married Thomas Shoemaker. Children. Dr. N. Shoemaker, and two others.

Eli, married Rachel Comly, of Byberry. He died young, leaving one child.

Rebecca, married Atkinson Rose, and left three sons, of whom John S. Rose, of Frankford, was one.

Comly, married the daughter of Albrick Bird, and widow of George Shoemaker, Jr., but had no children. They lived near Shoemakertown.

Jane, married Anthony, son of William Hallowell, of Abington. Children: Benjamin, Mary S. (Lippincott), Caleb, James, and Joseph, the latter two deceased.

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### JOHN AND MARTHA COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Samuel, established the Comlyville Printworks, near Frankford. He married Eizabeth Ann Folwell. Children. Nathan Folwell, Samuel, Rebecca, John, Robert, Thomas, Joseph, William Folwell, Stephen Girard, Mary Pancoast, and Elizabeth Ann.

John W., moved to the West.

Robert, married Esther Shallcross, and lived in Oxford Township, Philadelphia.

Thomas and Joseph, deceased, without children.

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### DESCENDANTS OF JOHN, SON OF HENRY AND AGNES COMLY.

John Comly was born 3d mo. 20th, 1706. He married Hannah, daughter of Benjamin Mason, of Fair Hill, 4th mo. 20th, 1728. They first settled on the farm now owned by Benjamin Tomlinson, in Moreland. In 1738 he exchanged with his brother, James, for a farm on the County Line. In 1754 he obtained a certificate for himself and family to Falls Monthly Meeting. He afterwards lived on Walter Comly's farm, near Smithfield, and subsequently between Frankford and Germantown, where he died, 1st mo. 15th, 1761, and was buried at Frankford. He was not successful in business, and left but little property behind him. Hannah, his wife, was born 3d mo. 31st, 1710, and died at the residence of her son Jacob, in Byberry, 12th mo. 8th, 1782. Children: Abigail, Henry, Abraham, Isaac, Agnes, Jacob, John, Hannah, Mary, Gaynor, and Susanna.

## JOHN AND HANNAH COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Abigail, born 6th mo. 16th, 1730; died at her brother's residence in York County, 6th mo. 12th, 1812.

Henry, born 12th mo., 1731; died in 1756.

Abraham, born 12th mo., 1733, was married in 1763. He died of yellow fever, in 1793. Children: Benjamin and John. They were both noted as skillful watermen about Camden and Cooper's Point, and both left families.

Isaac, born 1st mo. 13th, 1735, married Sarah Huston, 10th mo., 1761, and settled near Darby, where he died, in 1812. Children: Timothy John, Isaac, Joseph, Isaiah, Israel, Charles, Mary, and Hannah.

Agnes, born 3d mo. 13th, 1738; died in 1760.

Jacob, born 3d mo. 17th, 1740, married Sarah Thornburg, of York County, Pennsylvania. They first lived in Philadelphia; then at a mill on the Pennyback, and next on a farm in Byberry. He subsequently removed to Huntingdon, in York County, where he died, 6th mo. 21st, 1821, aged 82 years. His wife died a few years previous. Children: Samuel, Jesse, and Susanna.

John, born 1st mo. 13th, 1743, married Mary ———. They first settled in Byberry, but afterwards moved to Drinker's Alley, in Philadelphia, where he died in 1792, aged 49 years. Mary died 11th mo. 21st, 1819. Children: David, Richard, Abigail, and Mary.

Hannah, born 7th mo. 11th, 1746; died in 1760.

Mary, born 9th mo. 9th, 1747, married ——— Robinson, and lived in Brewer's Alley, Philadelphia. She died 12th mo. 1st, 1828, aged 81 years, leaving one child, Mary.

Gaynor, born 7th mo. 15th, 1751; died young.

Susanna, born 5th mo. 4th, 1753, married Christopher Smith, a schoolmaster, in 1780, and died the next year.

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## ISAAC AND SARAH COMLY'S CHILDREN.

John, died of small-pox, aged 22 years, leaving one daughter.

Isaac, died at Plymouth, in 1812, leaving several children.

Mary, married ——— Perot.

Hannah, married Lawrence Lowry.

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### JACOB AND SARAH COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Samuel, married Susanna Wireman. He removed to Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1837, and remained there until his death. His children were Sarah, Ezra, Hannah, Phebe, Lydia, William, and Isaac.

Jesse, married Naomi Howell. He removed to Juniata in 1833. Children: Jacob, Joseph, Benjamin, Samuel, Ellen, Jesse, and John.

Susanna, married ——— Wireman. Children: Thomas, Hannah, and Sarah.

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### DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH, SON OF HENRY AND AGNES COMLY.

Joseph Comly, was born 8th mo. 8th, 1708. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Mason, and settled in Moreland, on a farm lately owned by Judge Sommer, about 1730. He was remarkably healthy and was never sick except it was for a few days previous to his death. He was very fond of strong drink, and frequently drank a quart of rum at one time without becoming intoxicated. This he always called "sma'l beer." He wore stockings without any feet, and went without a coat or upper jacket in winter time. He removed to Gunpowder, Md., and not asking for a certificate from Byberry Monthly Meeting, of which he was a member, they, in 1759, sent one after him. Previous to this time he had sold his farm, and in old age owned no property. In 1774, he went to Joshua Comly's house apparently in good health, but said that he was come to die in his old lodging-room over the kitchen. Shortly afterward he was taken sick, and died in about four weeks from the time of his arrival there, at the age of sixty-six years. During his illness his mind was composed, and he had no fear of death. He said he never swore an oath in his life, never wronged any many out of a penny, and never told a falsehood to the injury of any person. Some who were well acquainted

with him said they had no reason to doubt his assertions. How many who have made far greater pretensions towards possessing religion than he, could with truth adopt the language of Joseph Comly? He was very strong: could put a barrel of cider in a wagon with ease, and take one that was full on his knees and drink out of the bung. His vocal powers were astonishing. On one occasion some of his family started to go to market in the night, but after they had gone some time the old man recollected he had forgotten to send for a keg of nails by them; he, therefore, called to them and mentioned what he wanted. They heard him, although three miles off, and attended to his request. When going to visit his relations, he would, when within about two miles, call to them, that they might know he was coming. He was a great walker, and always went to Gunpowder on foot, which he called an evening's walk. When making the journey he carried his bread, cheese, and a bottle of rum, and ate, drank, and slept by the roadside. His wife died about 1757, and he died 6th mo. 21, 1774, aged 66 years.

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#### JOSEPH AND ELIZABETH COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Agnes, born 4th mo. 2d, 1732, married Evan Roberts.

Abigail, born 8th mo. 15th, 1733, married David Hallowell.

Joseph, born 1st mo. 9th, 1735, married Rachel Edwards, and had one daughter, "Dumb Becky." He was a soldier in the French and Indian War in 1755, but escaped unhurt. He died in Byberry 2d mo. 19th, 1811. Rachel died 4th mo. 9th, 1815.

Richard, born 4th mo. 1st, 1737, was a soldier in the French and Indian War, and during the famous retreat of Braddock was taken sick. He was left sitting on a log, and was never heard of afterwards.

Susanna, born 5th mo. 15th, 1740, married Samuel Shute. She died in 1802.

Walter, born 11th mo. 13th, 1742; no further account.

Benjamin, born 2d mo. 17th, 1744; no further account.

Elizabeth, born 1st mo. 8th, 1746, married Benjamin Tomlinson, and moved to Huntingdon, York County, Pa., where she died in 1817, aged 70 years.

Sarah, born 12th mo. 28th, 1748; died single, 4th mo. 9th, 1810, aged 60 years.

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#### DESCENDANTS OF WALTER, SON OF HENRY AND AGNES COMLY.

Walter Comly married Susanna, daughter of Benjamin Mason, 1st mo., 1731. He settled on a farm in Moreland, now owned by John Lingerman, but afterwards purchased the farm back of Somerton, now belonging to William T. Ervin, where he died 3d mo. 20th, 1759, aged 49 years. Susanna, his widow, married William Walmsley, 6th mo., 1764. She died 5th mo. 30th, 1795, aged 81 years, having been an Elder in Byberry meeting forty-two years.

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#### WALTER AND SUSAN COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Walter; no account.

Susanna; no account.

Thomas, who died young.

Martha, born 1st mo. 20th, 1746, married Silas Walmsley, 6th mo., 1765. Children: William, Jesse, and Silas.

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#### SILAS AND MARTHA WALMSLEY'S CHILDREN.

William, born 7th mo., 18th, 1766, married, first, Phebe, daughter of Giles Knight. She died 8th mo. 18th, 1808. Children: Silas, Ann, and Martha. William married, second, Margery, daughter of Evan Townsend. Children: Robert and Jesse.

Jesse, married Mary, daughter of James Paul. Children: Martha, James, Susanna, Elizabeth, Ezra, Hannah, and Mary.

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#### DESCENDANTS OF AGNES, DAUGHTER OF HENRY AND AGNES COMLY.

Agnes Comly, married Nicholas Randall, in 1738. They lived on Duffield's farm in Moreland for several years. She died, 9th mo. 22d, 1779, and he died in 1783. Children: Comly,

Thomas, Jonathan, Nathan, Rachel, Thomas, Mary, and Nicholas.

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### NICHOLAS AND AGNES RANDALL'S CHILDREN.

Comly, born 12th mo. 9th, 1738; married Mary Phinny, in 1753. Children: Agnes, Martha, and Jonathan.

Thomas, born 8th mo. 10th, 1740, died in 1743.

Jonathan, born 3d mo. 17th, 1742, died in 1748.

Nathan, born 8th mo. 12th, 1743, died in 1748.

Rachel, born 11th mo. 21st, 1745, died in 1748.

Thomas, born 5th mo. 13th, 1748, died in 1783.

Mary, born 12th mo. 22d, 1751, married Joshua Gilbert in 1771. They settled on a farm in Byberry, now owned by Thomas James. Mary died 3d mo. 13th, 1812, aged 60 years, and Joshua died 6th mo. 18th, 1833, aged 86 years. Children: Phebe, Benjamin, Tacy, Thomas, Joshua, David, Beulah, Agnes, and Ezra.

Nicholas, married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Townsend. Children: Thomas, Jesse, Agnes, who married Jacob Myers, and Mary, who married David Clayton.

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### DESCENDANTS OF JAMES, SON OF HENRY AND AGNES COMLY.

James Comly, married Mary, daughter of John Paul, in 1738. Mary was born 1st mo. 28th, 1718. She was an approved minister in the Society of Friends. They first settled in Warminster, but in 1758 removed to Gunpowder, Maryland. After the death of James, Mary returned to Byberry, where she frequently preached. Children: Jacob, James, David, Jonathan, John, Rachel, and Mary.

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### JAMES AND MARY COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Jacob, born 11th mo. 8th, returned from Maryland in 1770, and married Rachel, widow of his cousin, Henry Comly.



For many years he kept a hotel on the turnpike below Somerton, late the Leedom estate. He afterwards moved to Philadelphia, and, with the consent of such heirs as could be found, obtained the city lot granted to Henry Comly by William Penn. He died near Abington, 9th mo. 21st, 1825, aged 87 years, leaving no children.

James, married Charity Hooker of Maryland. Children: John; Mary, who married Nicholas Merryman, of Jefferson County, Ohio; Joshua, who moved to Madison, Indiana; Charity, who married Mordecai Price, near Baltimore, Maryland; David, who died near Baltimore; Nancy, who married ——— Pettyford, of Baltimore; Elizabeth and Dobino, both deceased; Sabret and James, who married daughters of David Comly, near Laneaster, Kentucky; Sally, married ——— Doughty; Rachel, married to Johnson; and Eleanor, who married her cousin Absalom, of Madison, Indiana.

David, moved to Madison, Indiana. Children: John, Absalom, James, and three daughters.

Jonathan, died unmarried.

John, moved to Ohio. Children: Rachel, Mary, Hannah, Sarah, Eleanor, Rebecca, James, John, Joshua, and David.

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#### DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC, SON OF HENRY AND AGNES COMLY.

Isaac Comly, was born in Moreland, in 1717. He married Abigail, daughter of Thomas Wahmsley, 2d mo., 1738, and settled in the village of Smithfield. He lived in a hip-roofed house, which had, on a stone in the wall near the door, the inscription, "I. C., 1744." This house was removed only a few years since, having stood nearly one hundred years. They afterward moved to a place near the present residence of Silas Vanarsdalen, where Isaac died, in 1748, aged thirty-three years. He was a blacksmith by trade, and followed that business through life. His children were: Agnes, Isaac, born 1741, and died in 1743; Isaac, and William. Abigail, his widow, married Richard Walton, in 1753. Children: Joseph, born in 1754, and Esther, born in 1755.

## ISAAC AND ABIGAIL COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Agnes, born 11th mo. 2d, 1738, married John Duncan, in 1759. He died 10th mo. 6th, 1772, aged 51 years. Children: Abigail, Rachel, Esther, and Phebe. In 1793, Agnes married Andrew Singley, of White Sheet Bay, on the Delaware. He died in 1814, aged 72 years; and Agnes died in 1821, aged 83 years.

Isaac, was born at Smithfield, 9th mo. 25th, 1743. When about five years old he lost his father. After this event he and his mother went to live with her father on the farm lately owned by Charles Walmsley. In 1753, his mother married Richard Walton, and he resided in that family until 1771, when he married Asenath, daughter of John and Ann Hampton, of Wrightstown. They took a farm in the western part of Byberry, where they resided two years, after which they purchased of Thomas Knight a farm of about one hundred and forty acres, near the centre of Byberry, where they permanently settled. By a regular course of industry and economy, Isaac and Asenath Comly accumulated considerable property and brought up a large family of children, most of whom have since figured conspicuously in the affairs of the township of Byberry. Isaac Comly was not ambitious of fame, and never sought after popularity, his object being to attend to his own business, leaving to others the cares and responsibilities of public life. He was a member of the religious Society of Friends, and always bore an unexceptionable character among them. His wife was an Elder in the Meeting, and was much respected. Their children were Martha, John, Joseph, Isaac, Ezra, Ethan, and Jason. He died 8th mo. 3d, 1822, aged seventy-nine; and his wife 3 mo. 3d, 1826, aged seventy-seven years.

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## ISAAC AND ASENATH COMLY'S CHILDREN.

Martha, born 12th mo. 29th, 1771, married Evan T. Knight. They lived in Bensalem, where he died 2d mo. 6th, 1841; and she died 7th mo. 29th, 1851. Children: Isaac and Phebe.

John, was born in Byberry, 11th mo. 19th, 1773. He was

carefully brought up according to the rules of the Society of Friends, and at an early age, while yet a school-boy, manifested a great interest in the Society, and exhibited those traits of humility and tenderness which so eminently characterized him through life. In 1792 he was placed under Samuel Jones, the Baptist minister at Pennypack, to study the Latin and Greek languages, where he remained until the spring of 1794. He then engaged as a teacher in Byberry School, where he continued until 1801, when he resigned, and from a sense of duty engaged as a teacher in Westtown Boarding School. In 1802 he resigned that situation and returned to his native place, and in the following spring again took charge of Byberry School. In 6th mo. 1803, he married Rebecca, daughter of Dr. Staey Budd, of Mount Holly, N. J., and settled on a farm lately purchased in Byberry. In 1804 he opened a boarding-school for girls at his residence, which was successfully continued until 1810, and was then changed into a school for boys and young men, and continued till 1815. His literary works are as follows: "English Grammar," published in 1803; "Spelling Book," in 1806; "Primer," in 1807; and "Reader and Book of Useful Knowledge," in 1840. Some of these have passed through several editions, and still have an extensive sale throughout the whole country. He was also the author of several essays upon moral subjects, which were published in the journals of that day. He was subsequently engaged, along with his brother Isaac, in publishing a periodical called "Friends' Miscellany," which was continued through a series of years, and has been the means of preserving many valuable records, biographical sketches, historical notes, and other matters of peculiar interest. John Comly appeared as a minister in the Society of Friends in 1810; and his labors being approved by the Monthly Meeting, he was recommended in 1813. Besides his services at home, he frequently made religious visits, which extended to New England, New York, Ohio, Maryland, and other places, and which tended greatly to inculcate the peaceable principles of Friends. Several of his sermons were stenographically reported by Marcus T. Gould, and afterward published. He was also eminently useful as a surveyor, and was often able to satisfactorily settle conflicting claims and disputes among his neighbors. He died at his residence in By-

berry, 8th mo. 17th, 1850, after an illness of only a few hours, aged nearly 77 years. His wife died 8th mo. 9th, 1832.

Their children were Stacy, Ann, Charles, Sarah, and Emmor.

Joseph, was born in Byberry, 12th mo. 16th, 1775. He learned the trade of a carpenter, which business he followed for several years, and afterward settled on a part of his father's farm. In 1800 he built a commodious house, the one now occupied by his son, Watson Comly; and in the latter part of the same year was married to Abigail, daughter of Jonathan Parry. She died in 1805. Children: Asenath, Phebe, and James. In 1807 he married Rachel, daughter of Dr. John Watson, of Buckingham. He had a taste for mechanical pursuits, and was the first to introduce several important improvements, in those matters, into townships. He became quite noted for moving buildings, such as houses, barns, etc.; and, from a record kept by him, he moved one hundred and sixty-five buildings in the course of twenty years. He published several essays in the *Evening Fireside* and other periodicals, wrote several journals of his travels, and collected considerable historical matter of local interest. He was a very useful man, and highly respected by all who knew him. He died in Byberry, 2d mo. 5th, 1854, aged 78 years. His wife, Rachel, died 2d mo. 3d, 1839.

Isaac, born in Byberry, 3d mo. 21st, 1779. He was apt at learning while a youth; and, without any other advantages than those afforded by the neighboring school, fitted himself for the duties of a teacher. In 1794 he commenced as an usher under his brother John, at Byberry, and in 1797 engaged as an assistant with Samuel Comfort, of Middletown. He remained here until 3d mo., 1798, when he took charge of the school at Buckingham for one year. He removed to Horsham in 1799, and in the latter part of the same year to Ancocas, New Jersey, where he continued teaching school for two years. During part of 1801 he taught at Mansfield's Neck; and in 1802 took a school at Newton, New Jersey, where he remained until 1809, when he relinquished the business. He then spent some time in traveling; and in 1811 was married to Meribah, daughter of John and Rebecca Barton, of Newton, New Jersey. Soon after his marriage he opened a store in Byberry, which was

continued until about 1822, when he moved to the old homestead, where he spent the remainder of his life in tilling the soil. He was a clerk at Byberry Monthly Meeting for many years, and afterward an Elder. As a writer, he ranks second to none who has ever resided in the townships, his information extending to nearly every branch of literature; and his numerous essays, prose and poetical, which were published in several of the best periodicals of the day, and which were extensively copied, exhibit a talent of no ordinary merit. Among those articles we notice many sketches of these townships, and it is to Isaac Comly that we are indebted for much of the present history. Besides these fugitive pieces, he published a reading book for schools, entitled "Easy Lessons for Juvenile Readers," in 1807; the "Philadelphia Primer," in 1808; "A New Assistant," in 1809, and was one of the editors of the "Friends' Miscellany." His great delight, however, seems to have been among the musty records of bygone times; and to hunt up and note down every particular relative to family and local history was one of the chief employments of his life. He collected much toward a history of his native and surrounding townships, and traced out the genealogy of many of the most prominent families who have resided in the vicinity. He was frequently applied to by those wishing information of this kind, and they were seldom disappointed. Being of an amiable disposition, and just in his dealings, he was honored and respected by all who knew him. The even tenor of his life was rarely disturbed by surrounding circumstances, and he passed through the scenes of this world in peace and contentment. He died at his farm in Byberry, 10th mo. 19th, 1847, aged 68 years. His widow died 11th mo. 8th, 1862. Children: Mary and Robert.

Ezra, born in Byberry, 9th mo. 3d, 1781. He married Sarah Strickland, in 1804. He resided in Byberry for several years, after which he moved to Plack River, in the northern part of New York. In 18— he returned to Byberry, where he spent the rest of his life. He died 8th mo. 27th, 1863; and Sarah died 1st mo. 17th, 1855. Children: Elizabeth and Isaac.

Ethan, born 5th mo. 31st, 1784, remained in Byberry until 1804, when he removed to Philadelphia and became a merchant. He wrote several excellent miscellaneous articles for the public papers. In account of an affection of the spine, he was in-

duced to cultivate his taste for drawing, so that he acquired very great skill and proficiency in that art. He was a member of the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, and was much respected by all who knew him. He died 6th mo. 13th, 1865. Children: Allen, Eliza, and Henry.

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#### DESCENDANTS OF GRACE, DAUGHTER OF HENRY AND AGNES COMLY.

Grace Comly, married, first, Benjamin, son of John Cadwalader, the preacher, in 1742, and settled on a farm adjoining Horsham Meeting-house. Benjamin died 4th mo. 14th, 1753. Children: Rachel, Phebe, Benjamin, and Cyrus. Grace married, second, Benjamin Powers. She died 1st mo., 1800, aged 79 years. Children by her last husband, Mary and Grace.

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#### BENJAMIN AND GRACE CADWALADERS' CHILDREN.

Rachel, born 6th mo. 9th, 1743; died while young.

Phebe, born 8th mo. 19th 1747, married Charles Iredell, and settled in Horsham. Children: Rebecca, Grace, Rachel, Robert, Joseph, and Benjamin.

Benjamin, born 4th mo. 9th, 1749, married Hannah Bradfield. He lived on the homestead in Horsham till the decease of his mother, when he removed to Gill's farm, in Buckingham. During the latter part of his life he resided with his son-in-law, James Bonner, where he died, in 1834, aged 85 years. He was something of a poet, and was a very useful member of society. His children were Ure, who married James Bonner; Betsy, who married John Rich; Benjamin, who married, first, Sarah Townsend, 2d, Sarah Landis; Yarley, who married Christianna Moore; Peter Y., who married Hannah Magill; David, who married Ann Robinson; John, who married Lydia Ann Merrick; and Silas, who married Rebecca Sheppard.

Cyrus, born 8th mo. 9th, 1752; died while young.

Mary, died while young.

Grace, married John Carlisle. Children: Phebe and Amos. Phebe married John Burton, and settled at Fallsington, Bucks

County; and Amos married ——— Kinsey, and settled at Morrisville.

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### CHARLES AND PHEBE IREDELL'S CHILDREN.

Rebecca, married Jacob Kirk, and settled on the Welsh Road, in Abington. Children. Phebe, Ruth, Rebecca, Charles, Aaron, Samuel, Hannah, Elizabeth, Abraham, and Rachel.

Grace, married John Conrad, and lived in Horsham.

Rachel, died single.

Robert, married Mary Marple. Children: Oliver, who died young, and Ann, who married Dr. Hunt, of New Jersey.

Joseph, married Hanah Thomas, of Hatboro'. They resided in Jenkintown, and had one son, Charles, who went to Bristol, Bucks County.

John Comly, son of James and Mary Paul Comly, was born at Warminster, Penn., in 1653. His father died when he was a small boy, and he was placed in the care of his brother-in-law, Richard Hooker, who lived at Gunpowder, Maryland. In 1772 he married Hannah Vaughn, who was born in 1756. He moved with his family, on horseback, to Burgetstown, Washington County, Penn., where his wife, Hannah, died in 1810, and was buried at the burying ground near Burgetstown. To this union were given fourteen children: Rachel, Mary, James, Hannah, Sarah, Elizabeth, Nancy, John, Ann, Joshua, Rebecca, Ellen, David and Edith. Nancy and Ann died in youth.

In 1813 John Comly moved to Tuscarawas, County, Ohio. In 1814 he exchanged this farm for one owned by a Mr. Holmes in Jefferson County, Ohio. In this year, 1814, he married his second wife, Priscilla Carr, of Smithfield, and leaving the farm to his son, David, he moved to Smithfield, Ohio, where he died April 28th, 1828, and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Smithfield. His second wife lived several years and was buried by his side. There were no children by the second wife.

Rachel Comly, daughter of John and Hannah Vaughn Comly, was born Feb. 18th, 1776. She married John Hunter and resided in the vicinity of Steubenville, Ohio. We have no further record of her.

Mary Comly, daughter of John and Hannah Vaughn

Comly, was born Oct. 31st, 1777. She married Hanson Elson. They lived in Virginia, leaving a large family. We have no further reliable facts concerning this family.

Hannah Comly, daughter of John and Hannah Vaughn Comly, was born Jan. 12th, 1782, was not married. She lived near Mt. Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio. She lived to be quite an old lady and was buried at Mt. Pleasant Friends' cemetery.

Elizabeth Comly, daughter of John and Hannah Vaughn Comly, was born Jan. 24, 1786. She married Richard Baxter. Lived and died in Western Ohio.

John Comly, son of John and Hannah Vaughn Comly, was born Feb. 28, 1788. He married Bettie Crowley and moved near Richmond, Indiana.

Joshua Comly, son of John and Hannah Vaughn Comly, was born July 3rd, 1792. He married a Miss Lacey and lived and died at Niles, Mich.

Rebecca Comly, daughter of John and Hannah Vaughn Comly, was born Jan. 2, 1795. Married Zaddock Burress, and lived in the western part of Virginia.

Ellen Comly, daughter of John and Hannah Vaughn Comly, married Jeremiah Hunter, and lived in Steubenville, Ohio. She was born January 2, 1795.

Edith Comly, daughter of John and Hannah Vaughn Comly, was born at Burgetstown, Penn., Nov. 15th, 1801. She married Elijah Lacey, of Niles, Michigan, and resided there last known.

Sarah Comly, daughter of John and Hannah Vaughn Comly, was born Jan. 14th, 1784, near Burgetstown, Penn. She was married to William W. Gault. Date of marriage is lost, but was not far from 1802. To them were given nine children: John C., Hannah, William Jr., Mary, Sarah, Eliza, Emeline, James C., and Caroline D. Gault. Soon after their marriage they moved to Newark, Licking County, Ohio. Newark was then a small village, and he was one of the first settlers. He was familiarly known as Col. Gault, being colonel of State Troops. He was prominent in public life, represented his county in the State Legislature several times, was sheriff of the county and warden of the Ohio Penitentiary several years. He was a leading spirit in Masonic lodge; also in I. O. O. F. Dur-



ing the last years of his life he lived on his farm near Hebron, Ohio, and died in 1847. His wife, Sarah Comly Gault, died in 1855, at Shadestown, Franklin County, Ohio, at the home of her daughter, Mary West.

John C. Gault never married. Hannah C. Gault married William Bashaw, M. D.; William W. Gault, Jr., married Katherine Critten. Of this family there are three living.

Mary Gault married John F. West, March 15, 1842. There are two of this family living: Mrs. Eliza G. Moneypenny and Sadie L. West, who reside at 1284 Highland St., Columbus, Ohio. John F. West was a man of good business capacity, had a fine education, was quiet and unassuming. He died in 1864 at Shadestown, Ohio; his widow died in 1900.

Eliza Gault died single. Sarah Ann Gault married Enoch Fristo. Emeline W. Gault married Henry H. Hollister. One daughter living at Cumberland City, Tenn. James C. Gault married Virginia Fristo. They have five children living. Caroline D. Gault never married. She is now 85 years of age, and lives with her niece at Cumberland City, Tenn. Is the last living of her family.

David Comly, son of John and Hannah Vaughn Comly, was born Aug. 8th, 1798. He married Sarah Whinnery at Burgetstown, Penn. To them were given six children: John W., James and William (twins), Benjamin, Eliza J., and David.

In the year of 1814 he located on his father's farm in Jefferson County, Ohio, near Smithfield, where he lived all the rest of his life. His first wife, Sarah Whinnery, died in 1858. He married a second wife in June, 1866. He died in September, 1866, and was buried beside his first wife in the Friends' burying ground at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio. His second wife, Mary Whinnery, a cousin of his first wife by marriage, died Sept. 1881, and was also buried beside his first wife at Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

At the death of David Comly, Sr., his farm was given to his son, David, Jr. David sold the farm to his brother Benjamin, and it is still owned by the Comly heirs and has been in the Comly family one hundred years. David Comly, Sr., was the last one of his family to pass over into the great unknown. He lived a true Friend or Quaker. I don't think that the younger descendants are as loyal to that church as the

older ones were. Many have joined the churches in whose environment they live, which no doubt is proper and right.

John W. Comly, M. D., son of David and Sarah Whinnery Comly, was born near Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio, and was married to Mary C. Armstrong. To them were given three children: Sarah J., William and Marietta Comly.

Sarah J. Comly married Dr. N. R. Coleman, who died several years since. She resides at 264 East Town street, Columbus, Ohio.

James Comly never married. He was a minister of the Friends church and a prominent citizen.

William Comly was a farmer. He married Susan Glover and was noted for his success as a farmer.

Benjamin Comly married Miss Mary Hope. They have three daughters: Mary, Anna B., and Eva. Benjamin Comly was somewhat of a politician as well as a good farmer.

Eliza Jane Comly married Kenworthy Hoge, and to them was given one child, William D. Hoge, who is a prominent M. D., and resides at Martins Ferry, Ohio.

David Comly, Jr., married Anna Kinsey, and to them were given four children: Charles K., Sarah T., Mary, Jane and John W. David Comly, Jr., moved to Steubenville, Ohio, where he died in 1908.

John W. Comly, the oldest of the family, was a man college bred and an eminent physician. He practiced his profession at Harrisville, Harrison County, Ohio. Located there in 1849, and spent all his years of active practice there. During the dark days of 1861-'65, he voluntarily gave his services to his government in assisting in the care of the sick and wounded and of the prisoners of war which were being crowded into the hospitals in and about Washington, D. C., which service was gratefully received and appreciated. The last fifteen years of his life he spent his winters in the South to escape the changes of season. He died Feb. 1895, and was buried at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. His brothers and sisters have all passed over to the great unknown, and their families are scattered and building up families and homes elsewhere.

James Comly, son of John and Hannah Vaughn Comly, was born October 5th, 1779, near Burgetstown, Washington County, Penn. Katherine Whitaker was born March 2, 1782,



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near Burgetstown, Penn. They were married March 1st, 1801. To them were given nine children, who grew to mature years: John, Bazaleel W., Hannah, James, Joshua, David, Elizabeth, Catherine and Sarah Ann.

James Comly and his wife lived at Burgetstown, Penn., for a short time, and then moved to Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio, in 1804, where they resided until the year 1809, when they migrated to or near Circleville, Ohio, where they resided until the year 1815, when they moved to Perry County, Ohio, and he laid out the town of New Lexington in 1816. He was a man of great energy and ability, and did much toward the betterment of his pioneer neighbors, but died in the prime of life in 1827, aged 47 years, from an attack of gastritis. His widow died at New Lexington, Ohio, in her 89th year. She was a remarkable woman of the pioneer type, was fearless in the presence of danger, was a good marksman, having shot wild cats and deer when they ventured near to the cabin. She was accustomed to the howl of wolves and other wild animals of pioneer times, was noted as a nurse in sickness; using the home remedies herbs and various roots, etc., with which she was quite successful in doing much good to the sick. She was a devout Christian, and was a member of the first Methodist class formed at New Lexington, Ohio, her son-in-law, Asa Brown, being the class leader. She devoted her life to good works as she had opportunity, caring for orphan children and other needy persons. Full of years and good works, as a ripe shock of corn in its season, she was gathered to the garner above.

John Comly, son of James and Catherine Whitaker Comly, was born Jan. 18th, 1803, at Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio, and was married to Susan McClung of New Lexington, Ohio. He was a prominent man and well beloved by those who knew him. He held the position of Colonel of the state troops at the time of his death, April 11, 1840, aged 37 years. To them was born one child, Susan. Soon after her birth her mother died, and a few months later her father also passed away from a violent attack of inflammation of the bowels. Susan grew to mature years and married Samuel Yeomans an attorney, who became Colonel of the 90th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He died leaving his widow without children. She is now a very old lady, and resides at Washington C. H., Ohio.



CATHERINE WHITAKER-COMLY

Bazaleel W. Comly, son of James and Catherine Comly, was born at Burgetstown, Penn., Aug. 28, 1804, and died at Oblong, Ill., Oct. 13, 1855. He was married to Margaret J. Stuart, at New Lexington, Ohio, Oct. 25th, 1827. His wife Margaret J. Stuart, was born March 8th, 1810, and died at Oblong, Ill., Sept. 9th, 1880. To this union were given 12 children, nine of whom lived to old age: Sarah M., James M., Katherine J., Mary E., Robert S., Hannah E., Lucy A., Carrie B. and Adda R. Comly.

Sarah M. Comly, daughter of Bazaleel W. and Margaret S. Comly, was born June 28th, 1830, at New Lexington, Ohio, died at Decatur, Ill., March 12, 1905. She married Col. Leonard F. Muzzy at New Lexington, Ohio, June 28th, 1853.

Leonard F. Muzzy was born June 30th, 1829, and died April 22nd, 1904, at Decatur, Ill. Col. Muzzy was captain of Co. I, 114th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Sickness forced him to leave the service for several months. Near the close of war he was appointed colonel, which office he filled at the close of war. He was a prominent and successful attorney; was city attorney of Terre Haute, Ind., until 1870, when he moved to Decatur, Ill., where he held various offices in the Municipal Government of that city. He was a Republican in politics and was prominent as a public speaker in Illinois and Iowa. Was also prominent as a Mason and G. A. R. comrade. To this union were given six children, who lived to years of maturity: Kate C., Robert C., William H., Margaret C., Lincoln F. and Mayme C. Muzzy, Kate C. Muzzy, born April 25th, 1854, at New Lexington, Ohio, married William L. Oaks at Decatur, Ill., Nov. 16th, 1876. To this union were given: William L., born Dec. 22nd, 1876, at Decatur, Ill.; Bernice E., born Aug. 28th, 1879, at Decatur, Ill.; George R., born Dec. 12th, 1881, at Decatur, Ill.; Marjorie E., born Aug. 14th, 1885, at Decatur, Ill.; Florence L., born May 15th, 1889, at Decatur, Ill.; Clarence L., (now dead), born May 29th, 1892, at Decatur, Ill.; Dorothea A., born June 27th, 1895, at Decatur, Ill.; Oliver M., born July 5th, 1897, at Decatur, Ill.

Of this Oaks family, the following are married: William L. Oaks married Miss Lurey Deppe, June 12th, 1904; no children. Marjorie E. Oaks married Charles B. Padon, June 3rd, 1909; no children. Florence L. Oaks married Walter D. Man-

nering Nov. 9th, 1909, one child to this union, Elizabeth Mannerling, born Nov. 11th, 1910.

Robert C. Muzzy, son of Leonard F. and Sarah M. Muzzy, was born May 21st, 1857, and married Stella Burton at Decatur, Ill.; has no children, is prominent in fraternity of Elks, lives in Decatur, Ill., and is a merchant, dealing in musical instruments.

William H. Muzzy, son of Leonard F. and Sarah M. Muzzy, was born Feb. 7th, 1859. Is a bachelor and is prominent in fraternity of K. of P. Is engaged in the sale of musical instruments and resides in Decatur, Ill.

Margaret C. Muzzy, daughter of Leonard F. and Sarah M. Muzzy, married John L. Cochran, Sept. 22nd, 1886. To this union were given two children, who lived to maturity.

Edna M. Cochran, born Oct. 31st, 1888, Leonard M. Cochran, born Aug. 28th, 1892.

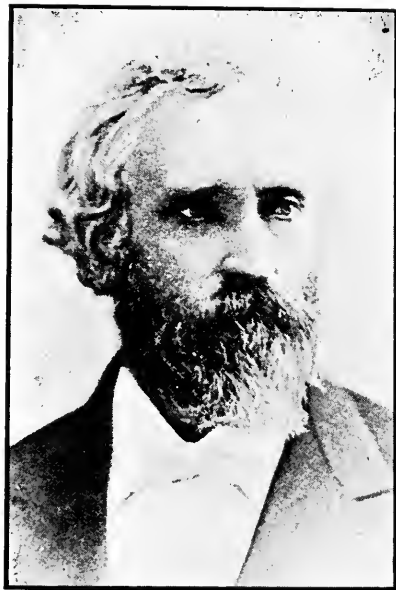
Edna M. Cochran married William F. McMillain, Sept. 26th, 1908. To this union has been given a son, Don Carlton McMillain, born June 13, 1910.

Leonard M. Cochran married Juanita Burkham, June 9th, 1910. They live in Indianapolis, Ind.

Lincoln F. Muzzy, son of Leonard F. and Sarah M. Muzzy, married Mary E. Williams, Oct. 21, 1885. To them were given: Earl W. Muzzy, born Aug. 16th, 1886; Robert M. Muzzy, born June 29th, 1888; Ralph T. Muzzy, born March 27th, 1890; Harry E. Muzzy, born March 13th, 1892; Helen L. Muzzy, born Nov. 5th, 1893; Mabel M. Muzzy, born Dec. 16th, 1895; Erna C. Muzzy, born Dec. 16th, 1897.

Of this family the following are married: Earl W. Muzzy married Miss Mayme M. Barnhart, Sept. 2nd, 1905. No children. Robert M. Muzzy married Bessie M. Seip, June 2nd, 1905. One child given to the union, Trevor D. Muzzy, born July 6th, 1906. Mayme C. Muzzy, daughter of Leonard F. and Sarah M. Muzzy lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is not married.

General James M. Comly, son of Bazaleel W. Comly and Margaret (Stuart) Comly, was born March 6th, 1832, at the town of New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, and died at Toledo, Ohio, July 26th, 1887. He married Elizabeth M. Smith, May 13th, 1863. She was the daughter of Samuel M. Smith,



JAMES M. COMLY



M. D., who at that time was Surgeon General of Ohio, and one of Ohio's best citizens. His statue in memory of his good work stands at the corner of Broad and High streets, Columbus, Ohio.

Of this union were born five children, as follows: Guy Stuart Comly, born April 30, 1864, in Columbus, Ohio. He married Marie Pay, a lady of French descent, in 1899. He is now living in New York, and is financial editor of the Associated Press of New York City; has no children.

Susie Anthony Comly, born Nov. 26th, 1865, died June 7th, 1895. Never married.

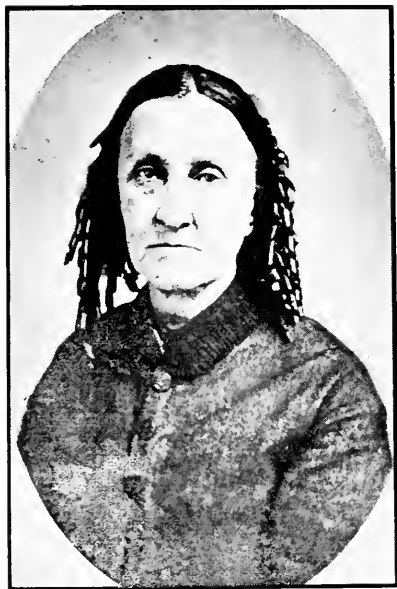
Smith M. Comly, born Oct. 8th, 1863, married Miss Margaret H. McComb, daughter of William J. and Clara B. McComb, of Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1895, who are near relatives of Gen. W. T. Sherman. To them were given: Elizabeth M. Comly, born Oct. 15, 1901, and James M. Comly, born March 27th, 1904. Fannie B. and Mary Comly, daughters of James M. Comly, died in childhood.

Katherine J. Comly, daughter of Bazaleel W. and Margaret Comly, was born at New Lexington, Ohio, Feb. 12th, 1834, and died Aug. 25th, 1911, in Columbus Ohio. She was married to Joseph M. Grimsley at New Lexington, Ohio, Aug. 15th, 1850. To this union were given two sons: James F. Grimsley, and Charles P. Grimsley, residents of Columbus, Ohio. Her first husband died, and she married G. W. Mitchell, M. D., of Zanesville, Ohio. To this union were given two children: Mrs. E. F. Babbitt and George Mitchell, residents of Columbus, Ohio.

Mary E. Comly, daughter of Bazaleel W., and Margaret Comly, was born April 10, 1836, at New Lexington, Ohio, and died May 1st, 1910, at Oblong, Ill. She was married to J. H. Wilkin, March 1st, 1855, and of this union were born two children: Lafayette C., and Lucy E. Wilkin.

Rev. Lafayette C. Wilkin was born in Crawford County, Illinois, Oct. 31st, 1856, and was married to Josephine Voorhis, May 16th, 1877. To them were given: Edna May Wilkin, born July 9th, 1878, (dead); William E. Wilkin, born Aug. 19th, 1880; James G. Wilkin, born July 17th, 1885; Celia F. Wilkin, born Nov. 24th 1886; Mary Wilkin, born July 17th, 1896.

Lucy E. Wilkin, daughter of J. H. and Mary E. Wilkin,



MARGARET STUART-COMLY

born Feb. 13th, 1859, married William E. McKnight, Feb. 14th., 1874. To this union was given the following living children: Harry E., James H., Clarence, Lester A., Pearce N., Timothy, Guy and Lois. This family live at Oblong, Ill.

Robert S. Comly, son of Bazaleel W. and Margaret S. Comly, was born April 13th. 1838, at New Lexington, Ohio. Married Mary J. Reed, Jan. 31, 1861. Mary J. Reed was born April 6, 1841. To them were given five children, three of whom died young.

James G. Comly, son of Robert S. and Mary J. Comly, was born April 14, 1870, and lives a life of single blessedness at Oblong, Ill.

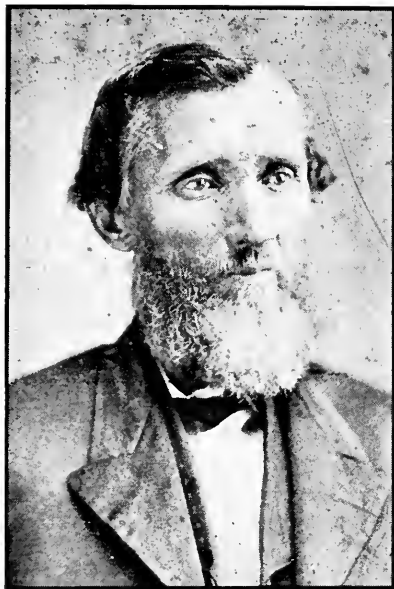
Guy Comly, son of Robert S. and Mary J. Comly, was born Nov. 5, 1876, and married Mabel Redman on Dec. 24, 1899. To this union have been given two children: Mary Doris Comly and Orlam M. Comly, who also reside at Oblong, Ill.

Hannah E. Comly, daughter of Bazaleel W. and Margaret S. Comly, was born March 26, 1840, at New Lexington, Ohio, and married Samuel Wilkin, March 29, 1860. She died Feb. 11, 1870. To this marriage were given two children, Levi G. and Milo P. Wilkin.

Levi G. Wilkin was born Jan. 2, 1862, and married Ora Coulter, Dec. 24, 1884. To them were given four children: Orva E., William A., John and Hannah C.

Milo P. Wilkin was born Sept. 15, 1864, and married Dora Stratten, Sept. 29, 1886. To them were given five children: Lena D., Lee B., Don M., Lynn H., and Corral. They are living at Oblong, Ill.

Lucy A. Comly, daughter of Bazaleel W. and Margaret S. Comly, was born Feb. 22, 1844, and married Capt. Joseph Hale, Nov. 3, 1864. Capt. Joseph Hale was enrolled in Co. F., 5th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, on Sept. 14, 1861. Was promoted to First Lieutenant in 66th Regiment, U. S. C. In., and was discharged on surgeon's certificate of disability, July 10, 1864. Died May 5, 1911. To this union were given ten children as follows: Ada Viola Hale, born Aug. 12, 1865; Bazaleel Comly Hale, born Feb. 6, 1868; Joseph Hale, Jr., born March 17, 1870; Luther Hale, born June 30, 1872; Robert Comly Hale, born Aug. 6, 1875; Carrie May Hale, born May 19, 1877; Ollie Edith Hale, born April 1, 1880; Eunice Bessie Hale, born April



DAVID COMLY

8, 1883; Cleo Pearl Hale, born Nov. 17, 1884; Lucy Maude Hale, born Dec. 3, 1887.

Adda V. Hale, daughter of Joseph and Lucy A. Hale, married John Way of Willow Hill, Jasper County, Ill., and to this union were given eight children, as follows: Cleo Dale, Orla L., Leila G., Jessie J., Doral, Donnie, Nola and Mearn Way.

Bazaleel Comly Hale died Jan. 10, 1869. Joseph Hale, Jr., was a soldier of war with Spain in 1898. Married Leila Prout. They live in Afton, Oklahoma, and have four children: Violet, Cecil, Lena and Helen Hale.

Luther Hale has not married and lives with his widowed mother at Granite City, Ill.

Robert C. Hale is not married and lives at his mother's home, Granite City, Ill.

Carrie M. Hale married Charles Hood, of Keever, Wayne County, Illinois. To this union were given six children as follows: Verne, Vinetia M., Lucy A., Emmett, Opal and an infant girl not named yet.

Ollie E. Hale married Otis Beal of Mt. Vernon, Ill. They are living at this time in Denver, Colo., have had five children: Leonard M., Lester, Evert, Irene and Vera J., the latter of whom died in her youth.

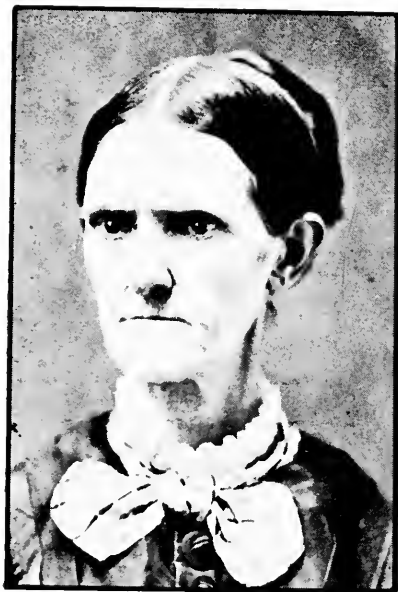
Eunice B. Hale married Chester Allen of East St. Louis, and is now living at Sparta, Ill. They have three children as follows: Glen C., Cleo Clarissa and Berta Eunice Allen.

Cleo P. Hale married Linzy Black, of Mt. Vernon, Ill. They have five children as follows: Eunice S., Owen, Linzy H., Anna B. and Joseph M. Black.

Lucy M. Hale married Herbert Sherley of St. Louis, Mo., who was a soldier in the war with Spain in 1898. They have three children: Lorena Pearl, Naomi and Charles V. Shirley.

Carrie C. Comly, daughter of Bazaleel and Margaret S. Comly, was born May 31, 1846, and married Asa N. Snider, March 3, 1869, in Crawford County, Ill. To this union was given one child, Eva B. Snider, born July 13, 1879. She has been teacher and stenographer for many years. Is a graduate of Robinson High School and resides in Robinson, Crawford County, Ill.

Ada R. Comly, daughter of Bazaleel W. and Margaret S.



LUCY SMITH-COMLY

Comly, was born May 12, 1848, and married David P. Clark, Nov. 21, 1867. To this union were born nine children, three of whom died in childhood, Ira, Ada and Robert. The living ones are: Mary E., Bazaleel C., Preston D., Martha E., Verda W. and Richard. They reside at Allerton, Iowa.

Mary E. Clark was born Jan. 12, 1870, and married James A. Conwell, Feb. 10, 1892. To this union were given: Eldie P. Conwell, born Jan. 12, 1893; Elsie D. Conwell, born Aug. 17, 1896, and Pansy F. Conwell, born Feb. 20, 1899. They live at Allerton, Iowa.

Bazaleel C. Clark, born Aug. 28, 1871, married Miss Cay L. Hutchinson, April 28, 1897. To this union were born three children: Belva L. Clark, born Jan. 30, 1901; Wilbur Clark, born March 16, 1903, and Nellie J. Clark, born April 30, 1905. They reside at Allerton, Iowa.

Preston D. Clark, born Sept. 17, 1877, married Etta M. Smith, Feb. 20, 1902. To this union was born one child, Wilma B. Clark, born July 9, 1910. They reside at Allerton, Iowa.

Martha E. Clark, born March 27, 1880, married Thomas R. Smith, Oct. 28, 1903. To this union were born two children: Eunice P. Smith, born Aug. 2, 1908, and Charles R. Smith, born Jan. 2, 1911. They reside at Allerton, Iowa.

David Comly, son of James and Catherine (Whitaker) Comly, was born Jan. 13, 1813, near Circleville, Ohio, and died at New Lexington, Ohio, Jan. 6, 1880.

Lucy (Smith) Comly was born Jan. 14, 1821, and died Dec. 24, 1880, at New Lexington, Ohio. She was married at New Lexington, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1840, and to them were given nine children: Talma C., Esther E., James F., John W., Eli B., David B., Anna L., Emma B. and Cassius M. Comly. Six of them died in youth, as follows: Esther E. Comly, born Nov. 10, 1843, died March 1, 1850; John W. Comly, born April 5, 1848, married Bertha Biddison, Oct. 30, 1875, and died March 7, 1879. They had one child, Maggie Comly, born July 31, 1876, and died Sept. 12, 1891; David B. Comly, born Sept. 1, 1852, died March 31, 1855; Anna L. Comly, born June 2, 1854, and died Nov. 12, 1856; Emma B. Comly, born July 30, 1856, and died Feb. 13, 1879; Cassius M. Comly, born March 9, 1861, and



ROBERT S. COMLY



died Aug. 25, 1880. There are three of this family living, who have raised families, as follows:

Talma C. Comly, daughter of David and Lucy (Smith) Comly, was born Oct. 9, 1841, and married Thomas Wilson at New Lexington, Ohio, Dec. 19, 1860. To this marriage were given two children, both girls: Flora B. Wilson, born July 8, 1862, and Linnie Wilson, born Dec. 11, 1866.

Flora B. Wilson married John T. Wilson, March 23, 1881, and to this union was given one boy, Roy E. Wilson, son of John T. and Flora B. Wilson, and grandson of Thomas and Talma C. Wilson. Roy E. Wilson was born Feb. 8, 1885, and is an electrical engineer and resides at Wilkesbarre, Penn. He married Maud V. Dine, June 8, 1910, and to this union has been given a daughter, Talma Pauline Wilson.

Linnie Wilson, daughter of Thomas and Talma C. Wilson was born Dec. 11, 1866, and married Curtis A. Beacham, April 25, 1895. To them are given three children: William W. Beacham, born June 25, 1896; Robert K. Beacham, born March 6, 1899, and Clarence C. Beacham, born Oct. 10, 1905.

James F. Comly, son of David and Lucy (Smith) Comly, was born Jan. 25, 1846, and married Ella Poundstone, Sept. 3, 1873. To them were given two children, Bessie E., and Alice L.

Bessie Ethel Comly, daughter of James F. and Ella (Poundstone) Comly, was born May 14, 1876, and married Charles R. Carey, a lawyer, Dec. 16, 1903.

Alice L. Comly, daughter of James F. and Ella (Poundstone) Comly, was born Aug. 31, 1878, and married Frank A. Kelley, Nov. 10, 1909. To them was born one son, Richard Comly Kelly, born Sept. 22, 1910.

Eli B. Comly, son of David and Lucy (Smith) Comly, was born Jan. 22, 1850, at New Lexington, Ohio. He married Josephine J. Williams, Dec. 26, 1872, and to them were given three children, two of whom died in youth.

Robert W. Comly, son of Eli B. and Josephine J. Comly, was born Feb. 27, 1874, and married Louise Spiers, Dec. 26, 1894. To them are given two children: Irene J. Comly, born Dec. 9, 1896, and Hazel A. Comly, born Feb. 22, 1898. Eli Benton Comly and R. W. Comly are residents of Logan, Ohio, and are fruit growers and grocers.

James F. Comly, afore named, is a merchant doing business



MARY J. COMLY

in New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio. He was a Union soldier in the war of 1861-'65. He served in the Signal Corps, Department of West Virginia. Served under Siegel, Hunter and Sheridan. Saw Sheridan make his famous ride from Winchester to Cedar Creek in 1864. He did valuable service as a soldier. He resides in the town laid out by his grandfather, James Comly, nearly 100 years since, and is the last of his name who resides at the old home town of the Comly family. But in the little cemetery on those old gray headstones may be found the names of the James Comly family, James Comly and Catherine Comly who located the town of New Lexington, and all their sons and daughters but two. Bazaleel W. Comly lies in Crawford County, Ill., and Hannah Comly Brown at Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio. All have passed over and many of their descendants are scattered over this broad country, but fond recollection reverts to New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, where in 1816, James and Catherine Comly built a home and were a blessing to everybody.

Elizabeth Comly, daughter of James and Catherine Whitaker Comly, was born at or near Circleville, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1814, and died at New Lexington, Ohio, Dec. 19, 1845. Was married to John E. Thomas, Feb. 9, 1832. He was a merchant and farmer of large means, and was born at Charleston, West Va., April 16, 1808. He died at McConnellsville, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1891. John E. Thomas and Elizabeth Comly Thomas were said to be the handsomest married people in Perry County, Ohio, at the time of their marriage. They were members of the Methodist church. To them were given seven children: Martha Jane, who died young; James M., John W., Sarah C., Caroline G. and Amanda E. Thomas.

James M. Thomas, son of John E. and Elizabeth Comly Thomas, married Mary Seamon, of McConnellsville, Ohio. To this union there were no children given, and they have passed to the great unknown.

John W. Thomas, son of John E. and Elizabeth Comly Thomas, was married to Sally Miller, April 12, 1854. Sally died May 1, 1897, and John W. died Aug. 6, 1905. To this union were given three children: James A., Fred C. and Helen M. Thomas.

James A. Thomas, son of John W. and Sally Miller Thomas, lives in California. He married Allie Stubbs, Sept. 17, 1879. To them was given a son, William, who married Josie L. Tirsell, and they have a son, Wesley P. Thomas, born July 27, 1909.

Fred Comly Thomas, son of John W. and Sally Miller Thomas, lives in Malta, Ohio. He married Laura Morris, Nov. 28, 1889. No children reported.

Helen M. Thomas, daughter of John W. and Sally Miller Thomas, married Wilbur McHenry, Sept. 7, 1890. They have three children: Mabel, Hazel and Fred. They reside in Malta, Ohio.

Sarah Catherine Thomas, daughter of John E. and Elizabeth Comly Thomas, lived to be a young woman. She was a beautiful and accomplished young lady, but sickened and died. She was greatly missed by a large circle of admiring friends.

Caroline Gault Thomas, daughter of John E. and Elizabeth Comly Thomas, married William A. McConnell, of McConnellsville, Ohio, July 4, 1861, and to this union were given two sons: Edward Thomas McConnell, born Feb. 26, 1866, and William Comly McConnell, born Oct. 26, 1874.

Edward Thomas McConnell, son of William A. and Caroline G. Thomas McConnell, married Miss Georgia Gelatt. He died Sept. 9, 1907, and his wife soon after, leaving no children. He was a very prominent young man with fine prospects, but his life passed away and left an empty place in the home. He was a civil engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

William Comly McConnell, Sr., son of William A. and Caroline G. Thomas McConnell, married Miss Grace Foos, Oct. 2, 1902, and to them are given two sons: Edward Thomas McConnell, born Dec. 1, 1903, and William Comly McConnell, Jr., born Oct. 18, 1905. William C. McConnell, Sr., is located at No. 81, North 20th street, Columbus, Ohio., is live stock agent for the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad; also for the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus Railroad. His father had been retired on pension for long service in said work.

Amanda Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of John E. and Elizabeth Comly Thomas, married John Ewing, M. D., of McConnellsville, Ohio, Jan. 17, 1861. Amanda died April 5, 1892, and

her husband about three years later, 1895. To this union were given two children, Mary and Gertrude. Mary died when six months old. Gertrude Ewing married Frank C. Burckholter, M. D., in her 17th year. He has been dead several years. To this union have been given two children: Ewing R. Burckholter, aged 22 years, and Marian Elizabeth Burckholter, aged 15 years. Their home is McConnellsville, Ohio.

Mrs. Carrie Gault Thomas McConnell lives at 81 North 20th street, Columbus, Ohio, and is the last of her family, all of her brothers and sisters being deceased. She is one of those little women who seem to never grow old and is remarkable for grace and beauty in her old age.

James Comly, son of James and Catherine Whitaker Comly, was born Jan. 3, 1808, and died unmarried, Aug. 1, 1830, aged 22 years.

Joshua Comly, son of James and Catherine Whitaker Comly, was born Feb. 27, 1810, and died unmarried, Aug. 11, 1833, aged 22 years.

Catherine Comly, daughter of James and Catherine Whitaker Comly, was born Jan. 23, 1817, and died ———, 1846. She married Thomas Whitaker at New Lexington, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1838. To this union were given two children, one of whom died in youth.

Mariah Elizabeth Whitaker, daughter of Thomas and Catherine Comly Whitaker, was born at New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, Dec. 10, 1842, and was married to George Myers, March 17, 1870, at Columbus, Ohio, and died at Newton, Ill., Feb. 25, 1887. To this union was given one daughter, Lola Myers.

Lola Myers, daughter of George and Mariah Elizabeth Myers, was born at Newton, Ill., Dec. 17, 1875, and resides with her father at McLouth, state of Kansas.

Sarah Ann Comly, daughter of James and Catherine Whitaker Comly, was born at New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio. Robert Elliott Huston and Sarah Ann Comly were married Oct. 5, 1839, at New Lexington, Ohio, and to them were given two daughters.

Mary Eleanor Huston, daughter of Robert E. and Sarah Ann Huston, was born Sept. 2, 1840, and died Jan. 29, 1898.

She was loved by all who knew her, her presence was like sunlight. She was a devoted Christian, and a lovely Christian sympathy for every one in sickness or trouble was always present with her.

Rebecca Catherine Huston, daughter of Robert E. and Sarah Ann Comly Huston, was born July 15, 1842; and she and Dr. Alva B. Richards were married at New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1866. To them were given three children.

Robert Lewis Richards, son of Dr. Alva B. Richards and Rebecca A. Huston Richards, was born Dec. 10, 1869, at New Lexington, Ohio. Robert L. Richards and Beulah M. Hatton were married Oct. 31, 1900.

Clarence C. Richards, son of Dr. Alva B. Richards and Rebecca C. Huston Richards, was born Dec. 2, 1872.

Elizabeth Hayesel Richards, daughter of Dr. Alva B. Richards and Rebecca C. Huston Richards, was born Dec. 17, 1877.

Before closing this record we will remark that the Huston Richards family are all people of education and good positions in the world. Robert E. Huston was judge of court for many years, highly honored by the people of Perry County, Ohio, gave his children a college education and good moral training.

Alva B. Richards, M. D., was college educated and served his country in the Civil War as assistant surgeon of 122nd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was promoted to surgeon of 126th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which capacity he served until the close of war. Since then he has been and is an eminent physician and surgeon at New Lexington, Ohio.

Robert L. Richards, A. B. M. D., is a surgeon in the regular army and is eminent as a physician and surgeon. He was married in 1900 to Marie B. Hatton and is now a member of the Board of Medical Examiners. He resides at San Francisco, California.

Clarence C. Richards, A. B., attorney-at-law, is eminent in the law business and holds good patronage for one so young in the profession. He is a member of the Perry County Bar, and resides at New Lexington, Ohio. Is not married.

Miss Elizabeth H. Richards is a college graduate in music and one of high grade ability. She was a student at the Ohio

Wesleyan University of Delaware, Ohio, and resides with her parents at New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio.

This sketch of the Richards family was furnished by Miss Elizabeth Richards.

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### GENERAL JAMES M. COMLY.

“Knowing General Comly intimately more than twenty-five years and especially having lived by his side, day and night during almost the whole of the war, it would be strange indeed if I did not deem it a privilege and a labor of love to unite with his comrades in strewing flowers on the grave of one whose talents and achievements were so ample and so admirable and whose life and character was rounded to a completeness rarely found among the best and most gifted of men.”—Rutherford B. Hayes.

In writing the foregoing, President Hayes paid a just tribute to the memory of James M. Comly.

That his many relatives and friends who may chance to peruse this record may know the type of man he was, I will very briefly give an outline of his life. When a mere boy he left his home at New Lexington, Ohio, and went to Columbus, Ohio, and learned the printing business with his uncle, Robert Stuart, at the same time educating himself in the public schools of Columbus. While following journalism, he also studied law with Attorney General Walcott, and in 1859 was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of Ohio, being sworn in open court by Chief Justice Joseph Swan. In 1861 he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier, and was elected lieutenant by his company. Soon after, Aug. 12, 1861, he was appointed Lieut. Col. of the 43rd Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but became anxious for active service and accepted the rank of Major in the 23rd Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was with his regiment in every battle until the close of the war and was in command in every battle, his superior officers being in detail in other regiments. He was promoted to Colonel and was brevetted Brigadier General at the close of the war. In October, 1865, he became editor of the Ohio State Journal. In 1870 President Grant appointed him postmaster

at Columbus, Ohio, and in 1877 President Hayes appointed him minister to the Hawaiian Islands. In all these trusts he was a master hand and did honor to the confidence reposed in him.

He returned to the field of journalism in 1882, but was broken in health, and died at Toledo, Ohio, July 26, 1887. He was of that high class of men who never consent to do injustice or act deceitfully. Bright as were his professional talents, his military record and his official services were equally so, and they were as nothing beside his character as a man. He was charitable in his judgments, and kindly in his disposition to all. He was preeminently a Christian gentleman, and wrote many beautiful poems, among which may be found some fine Christian sentiments, revealing a profound love of God and an ever-abiding faith in his goodness.

N. C. B.

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## RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR.

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### I.

If all the Heavens were rolled together as a scroll,  
And all the earth were sunless, starless, desolate and void,  
With empty waters poured around a dreary waste of land,  
Whose vacant, bare, primeval rocks threw back  
Upon the desert atmosphere no sound,  
Save dismal, lonely moanings from the solemn sea,—  
Yet, would earth, atmosphere and sea,  
Prove by the solid rocks and winds and waves  
There must be God.

### II.

Whence came this Earth, this atmosphere and sea?  
By natural law? Whence came the law?  
Where there is natural law, there must be God.  
How can there be a law without a Power Supreme  
Ordaining it? Is law a thing of chance?  
Then is it no law, but imbecile unguided drifting.  
Hither, thither, and yon.



## III.

Oh, puny man!

Oh, midge of Time upon the ocean of Eternity—  
A microscopic parasite upon this lump of Earth,  
Which lies, the lightest sand upon the shoreless sea of space,  
Thou darest to say, There is no God, but only evolution,  
Natural law or chance! Who ordained the law,  
Developed man, and ruled the accidents of Chance?  
Who guided evolution through formless void and chaos  
In the unpeopled, awful silence of that darkness on the deep?  
Who hung this little dog-cage earth so subtly  
On the verge between centripetal-centrifugal,  
That one small pebble, by an urchin tossed  
From shore to sea, might shift the centre of the  
Universe's gravity. Who taught this earth-clod,  
Through aeons of whirling ages to thread its way  
Among the myriad worlds up-shining in the sky,  
In all the vast infinity of space appalling?  
Who held the hissing molten mass thrown into space,  
And crushed its heaving hell-billows into shape;  
Lighted up the darkness on the face of the deep,  
And shaped the awful desolate, formless void  
For monstrous fish-and-lizard shapes primeval?  
What brainless, soulless vis viva or vitalis  
Prepared this circling globe to be the home of MAN?

Honolulu, Hawaii.

J. M. C.

THE END.



















